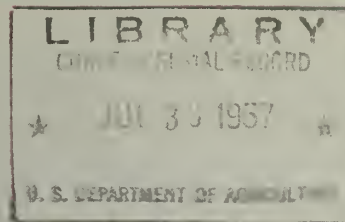


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WORLD WHALE OIL OUTPUT UP IN 1957; SPERM OIL PRODUCTION DOWN

World whale oil production in 1957 is forecast at 435,000 short tons and sperm oil output at around 90,000 tons. The forecast for whale oil is somewhat higher in 1957 than in 1956, even though the Antarctic pelagic catch limit for the 1956-57 Antarctic whaling season was reduced by 500 blue whale units from 1955-56. The forecast for sperm oil output is nearly one-fifth less than last year's preliminary estimate.

Table 1.--WHALE AND SPERM OIL: Estimated world production annual 1955-57

	Whale oil			Sperm oil		
	1955 1/	1956 2/	1957 3/	1955 1/	1956 2/	1957 3/
	- - - - - 1,000 short tons - - - - -					
Norway.....	138	136	171	26	25	20
United Kingdom.....	77	76	66	11	12	6
Japan.....	73	83	95	23	27	25
Netherlands.....	11	16	16	1	3	1
Union of South Africa..	21	20	21	6	9	4
Soviet Union.....	33	29	28	15	15	15
Panama.....	27	27	---	4/	3	---
Australia.....	18	18	18	---	---	---
Argentina.....	9	8	9	4/	4/	4/
Chile.....	3	3	3	3	4	4
Portugal.....	---	---	---	4	4	4
Others.....	8	7	8	8	8	11
World total.....	418	423	435	97	110	90

1/ Revised. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Forecast, production of some countries ends about September. 4/ Less than 500 tons.

Compiled from official and unofficial sources.

Antarctic pelagic whaling (including production of South Georgian shore stations) which ended March 16, accounted for about 85 percent of the forecast world production of whale oil in 1957. This year's Antarctic catch exceeded the internationally agreed limit of 14,500 blue whale units by 237 units. In 1955-56, the Antarctic catch of 14,875 blue whale units was 125 less than the agreed limit of 15,000 units.

While 1956-57 Antarctic sperm oil production was down almost one-third from last season, the whale oil output from the Antarctic pelagic season was up. With oil yield per blue whale unit in 1956-57 at 127.9 barrels, compared with 121.6 barrels in the previous season, production was up even though fewer units were caught in 1956-57.

Table 2.--WHALE AND SPERM OIL: Antarctic pelagic production by expedition 1/
1955-56 and 1956-57

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Country and expedition	Whale oil		Sperm oil		Total oil	
	1955-56	2/1956-57	3/1955-56	2/1956-57	3/1955-56	2/1956-57
	:-----		:-----		:-----	
	:-----		Short tons		:-----	
Norwegian:	:		:		:	
Kosmos III.....	19,020	: 24,215	: 2,660	: 1,434	: 21,680	: 25,649
Kosmos IV.....	15,208	: 23,630	: 6,033	: 2,283	: 21,841	: 25,931
Northval.....	12,679	: 20,811	: 4,126	: 2,594	: 16,895	: 23,405
Pelagos.....	13,944	: 15,380	: 623	: 411	: 14,567	: 15,791
Sir James Clark Ross.....	10,322	: 18,544	: 1,613	: 1,325	: 11,935	: 19,869
Suderoy.....	6,273	: 8,400	: 1,075	: 1,801	: 7,384	: 10,201
Thorshammer.....	16,322	: 16,047	: 2,444	: 1,651	: 18,766	: 17,698
Thorshavet.....	15,768	: 18,665	: 1,283	: 4,853	: 17,051	: 23,518
Thorshovdi.....	13,257	: 14,335	: 4,691	: 1,898	: 17,948	: 16,233
Total.....	122,793	: 160,027	: 24,548	: 18,250	: 147,341	: 178,277
United Kingdom:	:		:		:	
Balaena.....	12,965	: 18,973	: 6,733	: 2,576	: 19,698	: 21,549
Southern Harvester.....	28,972	: 19,309	: 3,489	: 482	: 32,469	: 19,791
Southern Venturer.....	22,429	: 18,783	: 1,883	: 2,260	: 24,312	: 21,043
Total.....	64,366	: 57,065	: 12,105	: 5,318	: 76,471	: 62,383
Japanese:	:		:		:	
Kinjo Maru.....	12,857	: 14,076	: 1,629	: 2,786	: 14,486	: 16,862
Nisshin Maru.....	28,140	: 21,410	: 6,335	: 3,756	: 34,475	: 25,166
Tonan Maru.....	22,256	: 16,864	: 5,094	: 3,854	: 27,350	: 20,718
Matsushima Maru.....	---	: 11,968	: ---	: 1,738	: ---	: 13,706
Koykuyo Maru No. 2 4/.....	27,329	: 13,955	: 2,714	: 1,588	: 30,043	: 15,543
Total.....	90,582	: 78,273	: 15,772	: 13,722	: 106,354	: 91,995
Union of South Africa:	:		:		:	
Abraham Larsen.....	15,059	: 15,175	: 5,386	: 745	: 20,445	: 15,920
Netherlands:	:		:		:	
William Barendsz.....	15,901	: 16,359	: 3,410	: 5/1,300	: 19,311	: 17,659
Soviet Union:	:		:		:	
Slava.....	26,723	: 24,476	: 1,972	: 6/	: 28,695	: 7/24,476
Total.....	335,424	: 351,375	: 63,193	: 39,335	: 398,617	: 390,710

1/ Does not include production of 3 South Georgia shore stations. 2/ Revised. 3/ Preliminary.
4/ Former Panamanian ship "Olympic Challenger." 5/ Estimate, based on data through March 3. 6/ Not reported. 7/ Does not include sperm oil production.

Compiled from official and unofficial sources.

A total of 20 expeditions--one more than last season--participated in Antarctic whaling during the 1956-57 season, which lasted 69 days, or 11 days more than the previous season. The total of catch boats was 225, or 32 less than last year. This reduction in the number of boats was a result of an agreement between Norwegian, British, Japanese, and Dutch whaling interests to limit the number to 210. Actually, 207 boats were employed by these 4 countries and the Union of South Africa, while the Soviet Union has 18 catchers operating with its single floating factory.

The Union of South Africa's 1956-57 expedition was its final Antarctic whaling venture at least for the next 5 years. The floating factory "Abraham Larsen" has been sold to Japanese interests with an understanding on the part of the Union to refrain from Antarctic whaling for that period. However, off-shore whaling by the Union will continue.

Argentine whaling interests--which have been operating the South Georgia Coast Station of Grytviken under a lease from the United Kingdom--have declared that they will not resume operations in 1957-58 unless an adjustment of the regulations governing foreign exchange earnings ("aforo") is made by the Government of Argentina.

Japan had 5 floating factories in the Antarctic in 1956-57, 2 more than last season. The floating factory "Olympic Challenger", which last year was under the flag of Panama, this season operated under the Japanese flag, and a new floating factory, the "Matsushima Maru" was added. In 1957-58, with the addition of the "Abraham Larsen", Japan expects to operate a total of 6 floating factories. Earlier plans to purchase the British ship, "Southern Venturer", did not materialize. Pressure was reportedly exerted by the Japanese Government on the prospective buyers to refrain from further increasing the Japanese whaling industry at the present time.

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At a meeting in Norway in March 1957, representatives from Japan, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, and Norway drafted an agreement to place a neutral observer aboard each floating factory taking part in future Antarctic whaling. The draft agreement has been submitted to interested governments for final ratification. The Soviet Union declined an invitation to take part in the meeting.

WORLD RICE TRADE AT HIGH POSTWAR LEVEL

International trade in rice during 1956 increased 15 percent over the preceding year and was at the highest level since World War II, according to the Foreign Agricultural Service. Rice exports, including reexports, came to 13,254 million pounds in terms of milled rice compared with 11,567 million pounds in 1955. Despite a steady increase in recent years, world trade in rice in 1956 reached only two-thirds of the prewar average (1936-40) trade.

Accumulated surpluses from previous crops plus new-crop rice in countries outside Asia accounted for most of this increase in world rice trade. Unusually large exports were shipped from the United States, Italy, Brazil, Spain, and Egypt. On the other hand, total rice exports from the exporting countries of Asia were down slightly from the preceding year.

Exporting countries: Burma rice exports increased 14 percent. Export availabilities from a very good crop in 1955-56 together with a moderate carry-over of stocks resulted in the largest exports since World War II. Even so, rice exports of 4,100 million pounds were only 63 percent of the prewar average (1936-40) exports of 6,500 million pounds a year. Approximately 11 percent of Burma's 1956 exports were made under barter arrangements with Communist countries.

Thailand's rice exports in 1956 of 2,743 million pounds were 13 percent below average exports during the 1951-55 period, and were 31 percent less than the record exports of 3,997 million pounds in 1951. A small crop and depletion of stocks at the beginning of the year caused a sharp reduction in export availabilities.

Also because of poor crops, no rice was exported from Vietnam, and exports from Cambodia were below average. For the same reason, rice exports from Iran and Iraq were down sharply from the preceding year.

Record rice exports from the United States, the third largest exporter, were 2,025 million pounds. This was 78 percent above those of 1955, and 15 percent more than the previous record exports of 1,762 million pounds in 1952. Exports of large carry-over stocks plus much of the new crop accounted for the extraordinary amount from the United States.

Likewise, heavy rice exports from Italy and Spain were provided from above-average stocks on hand at the beginning of the year in addition to good crops. Record rice exports from Italy were more than double those of the year before, and Spain's exports were almost twice as large.

Brazil had substantial exports of rice for the first time since 1952. A tentative estimate of Egypt's 1956 exports, as based on known commitments, exceeded the relatively heavy exports of 1955. Australia's rice shipments were sharply below those of the preceding year, but well above exports in the 5-year average (1950-51/1954-55) period.

Importing countries: Rice imports into the deficit countries of Asia increased greatly in 1956. Total imports were as much as 19 percent above those of 1955. The countries having the largest increases were Indonesia, Pakistan, Ceylon, and Malaya. More rice was imported in India, Hong Kong and in some countries of the Near East. Japan, usually the World's heaviest importer of rice, was an important exception, and the decline in its imports was severe.

RICE (in terms of milled): International trade, averages 1946-55, annual 1955-56

Continent and country	Average 1946-50		Average 1951-55		1955 1/		1956 1/	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
NORTH AMERICA:								
British Honduras	-	2,644:	-	2,751:	-	2,664:	-	2,843
Canada	1,026:	42,747:	7,045:	70,341:	0:	70,954:	5,702:	59,540
Costa Rica	626:	1,936:	739:	2,730:	0:	13,633:	-	13,553
El Salvador	3,598:	108:	1,502:	4,884:	2,604:	9,059:	91:	11,190
Guatemala	279:	856:	490:	1,535:	-	3,258:	-	-
Honduras 2/	2,294:	466:	808:	1,545:	21:	5,503:	-	3,115
Mexico	47,314:	1,560:	1,237:	236:	1:	549:	3,136:	155
Nicaragua	10,643:	3/	19,669:	525:	5,887:	2,588:	501:	7,606
Panama, Republic of	3:	6,713:	2:	2,734:	-	3/	2,100:	0
United States	962,170:	3,170:	1,388,982:	29,806:	1,138,206:	410:	2,025,059:	25,942
Bahamas	-	2,647:	-	3,936:	-	4,310:	-	-
Barbados	-	16,330:	-	18,295:	-	19,667:	-	14,439
Cuba	1:	540,796: 1/	302:	472,534:	-	250,330:	-	273,300
Dominican Republic	2,188:	1,776:	711:	739:	-	3/	2/	106
Guadeloupe	88:	12,165:	-	16,036:	-	18,007:	-	22,024
Haiti 5/	824:	442:	27:	482:	-	1,218:	5:	495
Jamaica	-	16,486:	-	34,895:	-	37,679:	-	24,092
Leeward and Windward Islands	-	11,464:	-	11,214:	-	11,824:	-	-
Martinique	-	5,663:	-	5,726:	-	5,994:	-	5,198
Netherlands Antilles	1,014:	5,498: 1/	113:	6,845:	-	6,770:	31:	7,070
Trinidad and Tobago	-	26,847:	436:	36,328:	348:	41,389:	47:	41,323
Total	1,032,068:	704,811:	1,422,063:	728,587:	1,147,067:	510,306:	2,036,672:	538,091
EUROPE:								
Austria	-	22,621:	-	56,887:	3/	77,725:	-	84,446
Belgium-Luxembourg	7:	47,354:	7:	82,871:	15,039:	115,282:	58,622:	182,133
Denmark	603:	2,030:	659:	14,271:	1,317:	12,259:	1,070:	17,678
Finland	-	3,441:	-	25,323:	-	33,964:	-	32,886
France	1,001:	78,731:	6,635:	125,207:	4,083:	174,650:	5,746:	172,399
Germany, Western	-	88,967:	3,354:	188,654:	7,791:	239,605:	4,129:	258,246
Greece	-	29,595:	10,560:	15,324:	4,813:	6,605:	1,978:	11,001
Iceland	-	1,064:	-	951:	-	765:	-	-
Ireland	-	3,153:	-	5,851:	-	5,644:	-	6,597
Italy	177,639:	748:	488,634:	370:	373,984:	1,821:	770,613:	769
Malta	-	1,463:	3/	1,819:	2/	1,990:	-	-
Netherlands	11,906:	52,742:	60,279:	151,023:	58,085:	269,958:	65,690:	162,860
Norway	0:	3,396:	2:	8,059:	-	10,811:	1:	10,983
Portugal	4,394:	18,066:	15,058:	1,862:	151:	895:	27,763:	2,487

Spain	118:	1,402:	98,358:	20:	109,788:	9:	200,700:	-
Sweden	82:	11,496:	101:	18,324:	60:	16,852:	-	24,705
Switzerland	40:	47,191:	2,657:	38,916:	26:	42,926:	26:	71,805
United Kingdom	3,120:	83,431:	-	164,212:	-	240,255:	-	188,360
Yugoslavia	-	2,151:	1,470:	14,090:	7,349:	44,253:	14,991:	76,977
Total countries shown	198,910:	499,042:	706,104:	914,034:	583,236:	1,296,269:	1,152,079:	1,307,042
Total Europe	198,998:	515,259:	746,754:	1,017,034:	622,236:	1,696,269:	1,247,079:	1,707,042
ASIA:								
Aden	5,600:	11,067:	21,875:	26,349:	56,221:	71,670:	57,424:	49,799
Cyprus	-	3,947:	-	4,582:	-	5,637:	-	8,966
Iran 6/	46,281:	111:	99,846:	139:	62,695:	239:	-	-
Iraq	5,194:	3,245:	9,733:	1,150:	8,631:	-	3,358:	36,308
Israel and Palestine	-	13,000:	-	11,200:	-	20,053:	-	26,389
Jordan	-	11,243:	-	19,824:	-	29,423:	-	-
Lebanon	-	-	-	22,650:	3,964:	30,139:	55:	23,918
Syria	1,547:	23,726:	2,034:	22,367:	4,909:	40,070:	6,836:	42,822
Turkey	4:	447:	12,070:	645:	13,953:	0:	-	8,292
Saudi Arabia	-	37,543:	-	103,150:	-	113,220:	-	-
Total Near East	58,626:	144,329:	147,519:	322,056:	150,373:	511,651:	102,673:	533,644
North Borneo	-	27,070:	-	28,262:	1,187:	33,587:	227:	42,968
Brunei	-	4,563:	-	7,716:	-	2,708:	-	-
Sarawak	-	36,330:	-	61,042:	100:	72,197:	-	76,272
Burma	2,147,120:	-	2,943,514:	-	3,616,032:	-	4,106,511:	-
Ceylon	1,812:	810,906:	8,763:	884,138:	1,974:	848,718:	2,332:	1,083,370
China	2,814:	501,306:	495,000:	75,000:	645,000:	215,000:	970,000:	-
Hong Kong	17,218:	284,812:	9,835:	477,548:	4,256:	542,372:	15,227:	613,359
India 2/	31,283:	1,244,174:	54,354:	1,154,623:	190,131:	611,000:	95,617:	716,486
Indochina:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cambodia	244,605:	83:	267,458:	-	64,800:	-	107,463:	-
Vietnam	-	-	344,562:	-	180,424:	-	0:	0
Laos	-	-	-	14,001:	-	34,823:	-	53,637
Indonesia	1,458:	453,383:	16,983:	904,664:	84,913:	279,393:	-	1,682,496
Japan	3,279:	382,598:	5,157:	2,438,037:	353:	2,747,778:	258:	1,674,636
Korea	39,526:	50,782:	-	270,000:	-	1,692:	-	-
Macao	9,736:	56,074:	12,880:	68,416:	-	-	-	-
Malaya	21,951:	810,577:	141,402:	1,112,743:	122,610:	1,207,492:	160,402:	1,303,999
Pakistan 10/	73,190:	35,410:	290,648:	-	490,874:	-	114,576:	972,326
Philippine Republic	31,555:	237,105:	2,549:	131,888:	18:	140,031:	952:	87,172
Portuguese India	-	22,355:	-	23,534:	-	-	-	-
Ryukyu Islands	-	75,728:	-	100,089:	-	114,639:	-	-
Taiwan (Formosa)	52,362:	3,489:	200,819:	2,396:	374,340:	240,742:	-	-
Thailand	1,919,197:	-	3,139,071:	6:	2,880,900:	4:	2,743,166:	-
Total Asia	4,699,932:	5,262,068:	8,125,994:	8,377,159:	8,858,618:	8,060,035:	8,710,446:	9,624,365

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RICE (in terms of milled): International trade, averages 1946-55, annual 1955-56 (Contd.)

Continent and country	Average 1946-50		Average 1951-55		1955 1/		1956 1/	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
SOUTH AMERICA:								
Argentina	3,344:	95:	26,964:	-	42,073:	-	92,961:	-
Bolivia	2:	17,664:	23,314:	23,314:	-	23,675:	-	22,000
Brazil	321,092:	-	150,720:	4,179:	5,475:	4:	223,643:	-
British Guiana	51,496:	-	84,503:	-	119,390:	-	92,669:	-
Chile	25,854:	-	3,125:	4,413:	2:	579:	0:	0
Colombia	3,704:	4,200:	11,943:	17,908:	0:	3,916:	-	716
Ecuador	125,520:	-	60,082:	1,759:	46,076:	2:	25,786:	-
French Guiana	-	1,636:	-	1,541:	-	1,605:	-	1,521
Paraguay	227:	178:	4,800:	76:	-	-	-	-
Peru	0:	15,051:	14,978:	18,122:	-	42:	-	57
Surinam	10,152:	3/	16,824:	2/	26,231:	0:	32,350:	-
Uruguay	12,266:	113:	27,312:	-	18,640:	-	77,780:	0
Venezuela	-	52,419:	-	16,044:	-	1,434:	-	10,805
Total	553,657:	91,356:	401,251:	87,356:	260,887:	31,257:	548,189:	40,099
AFRICA:								
Algeria	407:	6,888:	1,537:	7,991:	5,856:	2,884:	1,500:	11,905
Belgian Congo - Ruanda-Urundi:	9,926:	64:	1,617:	136:	104:	218:	1,533: 8/	303
Kenya	162:	6,402:	555:	13,954:	109:	6,804:	-	2,925
Uganda	-	-	0:	9,251:	0:	17,208:	-	-
Tanganyika	4,786:	1,320:	859:	1,396:	2,720:	1,520:	-	992
Zanzibar	37:	3,917:	2,356:	29,873:	5,956:	43,315:	-	22,433
British Somaliland	-	2,822:	-	3,858:	-	-	-	-
Gambia	-	3,562:	-	8,225:	-	10,774:	-	-
Sierra Leone	88:	23:	489:	11,980:	163:	47,187:	-	82,432
Comoro Archipelago	-	-	-	8,517:	-	8,188:	-	12,714
Cape Verde Islands	-	1,418:	-	1,170:	-	1,340:	-	1,303
Egypt	548,238:	63:	249,179:	118:	410,785:	196:	500,000:	-
Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland	547:	2,320:	1,155:	2,392:	126:	2,064:	-	-
French Cameroun	309:	3,015:	370:	9,264:	1,184:	10,701:	101:	5,844
French Equatorial Africa	-	3,912:	-	4,005:	-	2,297:	-	3,007
French Somaliland	-	1,508:	-	2,701:	-	-	-	-
French West Africa	798:	75,083:	264:	162,373:	-	246,099:	-	212,475
French Togoland	-	2:	-	2,279:	-	5,271:	-	3,576
Ghana	30:	5,602:	-	7,004:	-	9,773:	-	13,815
Liberia	-	3,199:	1:	11,692:	2:	19,590:	-	26,362
Libya	-	4,012:	-	6,725:	-	10,269:	-	-

Madagascar	3,688:	6,006:	64,686:	2,009:	98,479:	399:	79,745:	9
Mauritius	375:	65,265:	-	105,560:	-	128,244:	-	11/ 99,464
Morocco	12:	9,600:	19,180:	2,742:	45,238:	1,268:	-	-
Mozambique	3,081:	14:	6,982:	-	4,774:	1:	9,471:	-
Nigeria	264:	29:	233:	1,152:	193:	1,425:	90:	2,086
Angola	10,088:	47:	6,575:	44:	1,681:	35:8/	3:	-
Portuguese Guinea	3,568:	-	2,252:	-	4,630:	-	9,436:	-
Sao Tome and Principe	-	3,974:	-	4,228:	-	4,213:	-	-
Reunion	-	33,668:	-	56,167:	-	69,482:	-	77,833
Seychelles Islands	-	2,426:	-	5,407:	-	8,017:	-	-
Somalia	-	200:	-	3,197:	-	-	-	-
Spanish Guinea	-	4,982: 1/	349: 1/	6,981:	-	-	-	-
Sudan	-	8,876:	67:	6,534:	2:	12,588:	-	4,630
Tunisia	14:	1,420:	16:	2,337:	73:	2,794:	-	-
Union of South Africa	707:	27,230: 1/	843:	36,711:	-	64,948:	-	69,589
Total	587,125:	297,159:	362,133:	538,781:	582,326:	760,012:	636,879:	737,991
OCEANIA:								
Australia 2/	61,257:	146:	70,697:	48:	96,121:	-	12/ 74,251:	-
New Guinea	-	12,302:	-	18,931:	-	20,713:	-	-
British Solomon Islands	-	2,008:	-	3,537:	-	4,128:	-	-
Fiji	-	675:	-	1,506:	-	-	-	-
French Oceania	-	2,340:	-	2,910:	-	2,895:	-	2,138
Gilbert and Ellice Islands ..	-	705:	-	1,431:	-	1,401:	-	-
New Caledonia	-	4,739:	-	5,250:	-	5,165:	-	4,019
New Hebrides	-	2,242:	-	3,390:	-	3,494:	-	2,456
New Zealand	-	69:	42:	5,516:	-	5,422:	-	6,310
Pacific Islands (U.S. Trust) :	-	2,297:	-	2,101:	-	2,255:	-	-
Western Samoa	-	669:	-	1,066:	-	1,169:	-	-
Papua 2/	-	5,613:	-	8,500:	-	12,000:	-	-
Total	61,326:	39,539:	70,739:	56,083:	96,121:	61,074:	74,251:	56,788
World total	7,133,106:	6,910,192:	11,128,934:	10,805,000:	11,567,255:	11,118,953:	13,253,516:	12,704,376

1/ Preliminary. 2/ July-June. 3/ Less than 500 pounds. 4/ Less than 5-year average. 5/ October-September. 6/ March 21-March 20.
7/ January-September. 8/ January-November. 9/ Pakistan included in India to August 15, 1947. 10/ May-April through 1953-54.
11/ January-October. 12/ Calendar year.

Foreign Agricultural Service. Prepared on the basis of official statistics of foreign governments and reports of United States Foreign Agricultural officers. Includes milled, broken, semimilled unconverted and rough rice in terms of milled. Exports include reexports.

Indonesia in 1956 was the largest importer of rice, taking a record 1,304 million pounds, or approximately 10 percent of the total world imports. This substantial increase over the average of 900 million pounds in the 1951-55 period was due to a slight decline in production, an increase in consumption, and a lack of reserve stocks.

Because of abundant supplies from 2 good domestic rice crops, Japan's imports were the smallest since 1950. Rice imports into Malaya and Ceylon, countries usually taking substantial imports, were the largest in postwar years.

Pakistan in 1956 was a heavy importer of rice. Because of floods that caused considerable loss to the 1955-56 crop, East Pakistan took 972 million pounds. This was in contrast to exports in the preceding year of 491 million pounds. India's rice imports in 1956 were above those of the preceding year, but were well below average.

Total rice imports into Europe were only slightly above those of 1955. Belgium and Luxembourg, Yugoslavia, Switzerland, Austria, and West Germany had the largest increases in imports. The Netherlands and the United Kingdom imported much less rice than in the year before.

Rice imports into North America were moderately above those of 1955. Imports into Cuba increased 9 percent, but imports into Canada, the second largest importer, were below average (1951-1955). Rice imports into South America also were above those of the preceding year, due mainly to imports into Venezuela as compared with none in the year before.

African imports of rice declined from the preceding year. The largest imports were in French West Africa. Though above average, they were considerably below the year before. Record imports of rice into Sierra Leone and Reunion were sharply above a year earlier. Imports increased also in the Union of South Africa and Liberia, two countries taking important amounts.

WORLD WOOL TRADE IN 1956

World exports of raw wool during 1956 are estimated at 2.46 billion pounds, about 9 percent more than the 2.25 billion pounds shipped in 1955. Approximately 91.5 percent of the raw wool exported last year originated in the following Southern Hemisphere countries: Australia, New Zealand, Union of South Africa, Argentina, and Uruguay. The record level of exports in 1956 reflects increased activity in nearly all major wool producing and consuming countries of the world.

Wool production, clean basis, last year totaled approximately 2.85 billion pounds, about 100 million more than the 1955 total. The latest increase was due mainly to the much larger Australian clip, and, to a lesser extent, to larger clips in Argentina, New Zealand, the U.S.S.R. and the Union of South Africa. In recent years, world wool production has been encouraged by more favorable prices, and desire to increase foreign exchange earnings. Better grazing conditions have also increased production.

The Commonwealth Economics Committee estimates that wool consumption (clean content) in 1956 totaled almost 2,290 million pounds, approximately 7.5 percent more than was used in 1955. The most important increases were in Japan and Belgium, where consumption was up by 41 and 22 percent, respectively.

Wool imports into all major consuming countries except the United Kingdom and the United States were higher during 1956. The decline in this country and Britain resulted from heavy withdrawals from government owned stocks. This reduced the need for outside wool.

Principal Exporting Countries

Australia: Total exports of raw wool from Australia in 1956 were 1,165 million pounds (actual weight) up 1.7 percent over 1955 and 41.8 percent above the 1935-39 average. Australia continued to be the world's largest exporter; however, its share of the world's wool exports declined from 50.9 percent in 1955 to 47.3 percent in 1956.

New Zealand: Exports from New Zealand totaled 447 million pounds last year, about 13 percent higher than for 1955. Shipments to all major importing countries were up, with significant increases in trade with the United States, France and the United Kingdom. New Zealand's share in world exports totaled 18.2 percent in 1956 compared with 17.5 percent in 1955.

Union of South Africa: Raw wool exports from the Union of South Africa in 1956 totaled about 253 million pounds, approximately 3.4 percent less than in 1955. Reduced shipments to the U.S.S.R. was the principal factor contributing to the decline. The Union of South Africa's share in the world exports dropped from 11.7 percent in 1955 to 10.3 percent in 1956.

Argentina: Exports of raw wool from Argentina in 1956 were about 239 million pounds, approximately 9.7 percent of the world's total. This compares with shipments of 231 million pounds which accounted for 10.3 percent of the world market in 1955. The United States, the United Kingdom and France were the principal purchasers.

Uruguay: Wool exports from Uruguay during 1956 amounted to 147 million pounds. This was about 35 percent greater than the 109 million pounds exported in 1955. Over this period Uruguay substantially increased its exports to the Netherlands, the United States, the United Kingdom and France. Exports of wool from Uruguay accounted for 4.8 percent of the world's trade in 1955 and 6.0 percent in 1956.

Principal Importing Countries

United Kingdom: As usual, the United Kingdom was the world's leading importer of raw wool. Its imports, however, at 628 million pounds (actual weight), were 3 percent under 1955. A substantial drop in the United Kingdom's imports from Australia and New Zealand did not offset increased trade with Uruguay, France, Belgium and Argentina.

WOOL (Actual weight): International trade, average 1935-39, 1946-50, annual 1954-56

Continent and country	Average 1935-39		Average 1946-50		1954		1955		1956 1/	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
North America:										
Canada.....	6,211	19,337	3,418	40,223	2,865	16,800	2,883	22,293	3/	25,881
Mexico.....	2/	2,041	1,120	7,430	0	11,530	0	8,913	0	14
United States.....	325	224,498	9,699	775,722	1,200	304,500	300	355,012	291	345,056
Total.....	6,566	215,876	14,237	823,375	4,065	332,830	3,183	386,218	291	370,951
Europe:										
Austria.....	4/5/183	4/5/20,900	493	1,016	176	12,347	2/	14,452	2/	16,519
Belgium.....	3/	226,315	3/	219,300	23,761	112,529	31,367	160,953	34,096	198,943
Denmark.....	353	4,119	349	10,384	188	4,000	300	2,800	3/	3,800
Finland.....	0	5,772	1,035	8,634	600	11,563	300	11,920	3/	13,219
France.....	59,575	403,345	18,666	435,400	36,718	342,568	50,922	359,533	65,097	417,690
Germany, Western.....	0	4/259,932	6/381	6/137,362	4,134	190,110	6,780	232,440	8,927	237,152
Greece.....	1,706	7,717	267	7,093	300	9,600	575	11,739	3/	3/
Iceland.....	1,512	0	964	0	750	100	1,132	0	1,407	0
Ireland.....	14,250	691	10,075	5,305	12,210	9,080	15,420	9,657	17,770	12,270
Italy.....	1,040	78,958	2,380	178,116	3,300	169,322	3,000	155,888	3/	176,983
Netherlands.....	3,908	16,318	2,054	40,857	3,080	27,860	3,660	31,840	5,880	34,810
Norway.....	272	2,161	5	8,439	2,600	1,649	1,900	1,723	3/	1,810
Portugal.....	2,168	3,377	2,246	7,300	2,863	5,412	1,600	6,431	1,107	5,734
Spain.....	7/2,195	7/12,236	347	6,618	2,893	2,700	3,000	6,283	3/	3/
Sweden.....	427	16,895	1,608	29,523	1,000	10,840	800	11,890	3/	11,220
Switzerland.....	271	17,234	657	25,346	105	13,769	111	13,072	194	16,286
United Kingdom.....	38,600	628,893	17,640	556,640	26,700	684,000	29,100	647,000	29,800	628,200
Yugoslavia.....	1,143	8,179	230	14,266	2,628	5,450	1,630	9,804	3/	3/
Total Western Europe.....	127,623	1,713,092	59,397	1,691,899	124,006	1,613,199	151,597	1,687,025	164,278	1,761,636
Bulgaria.....	4	1,693	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/
Czechoslovakia.....	4/5/1,050	4/5/34,776	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/
Hungary.....	839	2,126	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/
Poland.....	80	46,045	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/
Rumania.....	600	1,334	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/
Total Europe excluding U.S.S.R.	130,196	1,800,677	94,173	1,739,500	124,006	1,613,199	151,597	1,687,025	164,278	1,761,636
U.S.S.R. (Europe and Asia) 8/2/.....	3/	67,550	3/	9/43,086	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/

Asia:											
Cyprus.....	1,226	0	196	0	1,400	0	1,200	0	7,629	0	0
Iran.....	12,890	0	6,187	573	17,533	0	19,897	412	3/	3/	3/
Iraq.....	13,651	0	12,065	0	10,620	0	13,946	0	3/	3/	3/
Israel.....	10/	10/	7,459	2,115	411	1,512	238	2,022	3/	3/	3/
Lebanon.....	5,787	386	10,243	3/	3,100	2,500	30,913	3/	3/	3/	3/
Syria.....	17,639	1,182	3,607	8,755	20,944	2,205	2,890	1,695	3/	3/	3/
Turkey.....	23,608	0	4,340	0	1,171	16,830	3/	5,435	3/	3/	3/
China.....	49,016	12,900	29,197	11,112	30,806	4,313	28,336	4,256	35,076	4,119	282,187
India.....	0	188,257	0	28,312	0	14,738	0	198,050	11	0	0
Japan.....	11/	11/	12/27,543	0	20,750	2,900	31,280	3/	3/	3/	3/
Pakistan.....	123,817	202,725	93,837	51,837	106,738	177,610	128,700	211,871	43,887	287,875	287,875
Total.....	305,725	80	357,218	0	209,800	0	231,260	0	239,435	0	0
South America:											
Argentina.....	0	166	0	1,514	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/
Bolivia.....	10,151	3,783	7,496	4,504	11,144	3,011	14,689	231	3/	3/	3/
Brazil.....	23,335	769	15,409	2,332	5,666	213	4,354	2,061	3/	3/	3/
Chile.....	36	59	15	1,817	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/
Colombia.....	132	0	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	50	3/	3/	3/
Ecuador.....	4,084	0	3/	3/	4,400	0	4,400	0	3/	3/	3/
Falkland Islands.....	5,130	0	2,158	0	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/
Peru.....	105,178	0	144,428	0	118,170	0	108,960	2/	147,154	0	0
Uruguay.....	454,071	4,857	526,811	10,157	349,180	3,224	363,663	2,342	386,599	90	90
Total.....	12,822	0	875	4,278	7,037	1,004	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/
Africa:											
Algeria.....	3/	3/	27	22	1,200	0	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/
Anglo-Egyptian Sudan.....	4,189	0	856	11,267	600	1,642	3/	4,697	3/	3/	3/
Kenya and Uganda.....	10,036	0	3,488	2,150	13,400	578	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/
Egypt.....	4/3,211	0	1,82	213	2,400	100	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/
Morocco.....	228,555	0	262,300	1,546	233,200	16,200	262,174	0	253,322	0	0
Tunisia.....	259,113	0	268,728	19,506	257,837	19,524	262,174	4,697	253,322	3/	3/
Total.....	821,740	0	1,076,232	0	974,072	0	1,145,800	0	1,165,000	0	0
Oceania:											
Australia.....	273,618	0	394,243	0	387,250	0	394,620	0	447,127	0	0
New Zealand.....	1,095,939	0	1,470,475	0	1,361,322	0	1,540,420	0	1,612,127	0	0
Total.....	2,669,732	0	2,507,069	0	2,205,548	0	2,219,737	0	2,160,194	0	0

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Less than 500 pounds. 3/ Not available. 4/ Four year average 1935-38. 5/ Beginning April 1938, trade between Austria and Germany no longer reported as foreign trade in Germany Statistics. The same applies to trade between Czechoslovakia for the period October to December 1938. 6/ Western Germany commencing September 1947. 7/ Two year average. 8/ Present territory. 9/ Based on exports from primary sources. 10/ Included in Syria. 11/ Included in India. 12/ Three year average. 13/ Re-exports have been excluded where possible.

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France: Total imports of raw wool into France in 1956 came to 417.7 million pounds, 16 percent more than the 359.5 million received during 1955. Australia, with shipments of 212 million pounds, continued to be the leading supplier of raw wool for French consumption. During 1956 France increased its wool purchases from the Union of South Africa, New Zealand, Uruguay and Argentina.

United States: In the United States wool imports (actual weight) declined from 355 million pounds in 1955 to 345 million in 1956. This drop, despite a continued high consumption, reflected larger sales of Commodity Credit Corporation wool, a reduction in stocks, and large marketings of the domestic clip early in the season.

Japan: The largest proportionate gain in imports last year was in Japan where receipts were up about 43 percent over 1955. During 1956 Japan purchased 282.5 million pounds of wool, whereas imports in 1955 totaled only 198.1 million pounds. Japan is now the world's fourth largest importer of wool.

West Germany: Total imports of raw wool into West Germany during 1956 were 237.2 million pounds compared with 232.4 million in 1955. The principal increase was in imports from Uruguay which, at 19 million pounds, was 85 percent greater than in 1955. Imports from the Union of South Africa at 46 million pounds were 8 percent above the previous year. West Germany's raw wool imports from Australia, Argentina and New Zealand declined somewhat in 1956, but Australia, with shipments of 85 million pounds, continued to be the principal source, accounting for about 36 percent of the total.

Italy: Imports of raw wool into Italy in 1956 amounted to 177 million pounds (actual weight) about 13.5 percent more than in 1955. Receipts from Australia, their principal source of supply, totaled 93 million pounds, approximately 6 percent over the previous year. Italy's wool imports from New Zealand and the Union of South Africa also showed fairly significant increases.

Belgium: Raw wool imports into Belgium last year totaled 188.9 million pounds; this was about 17 percent more than in 1955. Receipts from Australia, the chief exporter to this market, rose by 5 percent to 104 million pounds. Receipts from Argentina at 14 million pounds were more than the total received in 1955.

WORLD OUTPUT OF DAIRY PRODUCTS, FIRST QUARTER, 1957

Over-all world output of dairy products in the first quarter, 1957 was maintained at approximately the same level as that of the corresponding quarter of 1956. Cheese and canned-milk production rose above the 1956 level, but butter and dried milk production declined.

In the Southern Hemisphere, where dry weather generally prevailed, milk production was down for the quarter. Conditions were favorable for dairy production in many countries of Western Europe in this period. Cool weather in Canada held milk production below that of a year ago. In the United States, milk production was practically unchanged from last year.

Factory butter production in the first quarter, 1957, dropped 3 percent below the comparable quarter of 1956. In Australia and New Zealand, the quantity of milk available for butter was in short supply. Deliveries in Ireland, Finland and Norway were higher than in the previous year and butter production increased. In the United Kingdom, some of the surplus milk available for manufacturing was diverted to butter plants. Rather low butter prices helped to keep butter production in Denmark at approximately the 1956 level. Output in Sweden and the Netherlands declined. The sharp drop in production in Canada was attributed to increased sales of fluid milk and cream and increased output of cheddar cheese. Butter production in the United States was down slightly from that of a year ago.

Cheese production in factories in the January-March quarter, 1957, increased 2 percent over the corresponding quarter of 1956. Output was up in Australia, but down in New Zealand. In Denmark, the substantially higher cheese production was induced by more favorable prices than in the first quarter a year earlier. Cheese plants absorbed the bulk of the surplus milk production in the United Kingdom. Higher cheese output in the first quarter also was reported by Sweden. Production was down in the Netherlands and Norway. In Canada, more milk went into the manufacture of cheese than in comparable 1956. Production in the United States showed little change relative to the earlier year.

Over-all canned milk production rose 4 percent in the first quarter of 1957. Output was up in all reporting countries with the exception of Argentina and Canada.

Dried milk output in the first quarter of 1957 dropped 3 percent below the 1956 level. Sweden and the United Kingdom were the only countries reporting expanded production in this period.

Prospects in New Zealand appear to be favorable for dairy production, but in Australia which has experienced a long spell of dry weather, milk production is expected to continue at a lower level at least into August. In the United Kingdom, the output of milk during the spring flush broke all records and is expected to continue at a very high level.

(Table on following pages)

FACTORY DAIRY PRODUCTS: Output in principal producing and exporting countries,
1st quarter (calendar) 1957, (preliminary) with comparisons

Country and Product	Average		1956		1957		First Quarter 1957/1956	
	1954-56 1,000 pounds	1956-57 1,000 pounds	Total 1956 1,000 pounds	1st Quarter 1,000 pounds	2nd Quarter 1,000 pounds	3rd Quarter 1,000 pounds	4th Quarter 1,000 pounds	Percent
BUTTER								
Canada	1/254, 774	277, 868	305, 091	36, 979	100, 944	115, 227	51, 941	79
United States	1, 705, 240	1, 301, 830	1, 409, 065	356, 565	424, 645	331, 480	286, 375	98
Belgium	46, 179	55, 353	102, 119	-	-	-	-	-
Denmark	400, 660	318, 697	366, 404	82, 892	112, 655	90, 830	80, 027	101
Finland	61, 287	2/61, 215	2/144, 884	2/28, 988	2/43, 322	2/41, 392	2/31, 182	115
France 4/	220, 000	-	573, 000	92, 000	139, 000	139, 000	203, 000	108
Republic of Germany	5/560, 000	492, 188	662, 802	144, 882	197, 868	2/179, 174	2/140, 878	-
Ireland	89, 400	68, 548	3/96, 353	3/5, 330	32, 111	3/39, 851	19, 061	124
Netherlands	201, 000	155, 620	169, 532	2/28, 660	59, 524	48, 500	2/32, 848	79
Norway	24, 930	20, 049	27, 557	4, 511	11, 376	7, 804	3, 866	164
Sweden	152, 769	216, 442	181, 672	37, 025	55, 597	53, 619	35, 431	98
Switzerland 7/	57, 760	36, 949	8/59, 524	13, 359	18, 587	16, 866	9, 705	-
United Kingdom	44, 200	23, 529	56, 224	7, 616	23, 744	11, 872	12, 992	126
Argentina	65, 742	100, 657	145, 422	46, 861	31, 211	26, 100	41, 535	89
Union of So. Africa	2/27, 725	44, 845	82, 300	25, 545	18, 793	2/16, 061	21, 901	-
Australia	6/415, 250	354, 370	3/454, 804	134, 078	67, 754	90, 191	2/162, 781	88
New Zealand	6/366, 912	346, 095	2/449, 483	2/137, 723	2/41, 321	2/34, 526	2/185, 913	95
CHEESE								
Canada 10/	1/119, 924	114, 329	84, 144	6, 819	25, 017	35, 042	17, 266	103
United States	643, 234	1, 156, 005	1, 393, 395	312, 870	442, 070	353, 505	284, 950	100
Denmark	68, 820	123, 634	186, 289	33, 290	60, 846	51, 147	41, 006	128
France 4/	11/	11/	595, 000	91, 000	157, 000	151, 000	196, 000	109
Italy 12/	523, 513	491, 326	-	-	-	-	-	-
Netherlands	4/200, 000	176, 926	336, 451	56, 482	95, 679	133, 537	50, 753	84
Norway 13/	39, 067	35, 564	71, 990	15, 126	25, 256	19, 838	11, 770	87
Sweden	76, 059	115, 005	2/111, 624	22, 718	35, 242	33, 450	20, 214	102
Switzerland 13/	111, 729	107, 232	8/132, 496	21, 193	37, 438	42, 829	22, 233	-
United Kingdom 7/	109, 000	69, 888	223, 776	42, 560	76, 384	55, 104	49, 728	129
Argentina	67, 873	203, 830	279, 299	80, 672	60, 534	58, 556	79, 537	85
Union of So. Africa	2/10, 195	17, 967	26, 000	3/71, 533	3/5, 748	3/5, 900	6, 819	-
Australia	6/48, 400	98, 396	2/96, 963	2/19, 090	2/11, 751	24, 385	3/41, 737	121
New Zealand	6/210, 911	216, 842	2/213, 406	3/66, 348	2/22, 111	2/32, 771	3/92, 176	97

CANNED MILK

Canada <u>14/</u>	1/104,335	266,532	334,362	57,272	107,091	109,828	60,171	50,585	88
United States <u>15/</u>	1/970,189	3,170,576	2,604,940	555,210	860,830	706,850	482,050	566,455	102
Cuba	<u>16/</u> 32,564	36,655	75,649	-	-	-	-	-	-
Denmark	40,785	58,701	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
France	<u>17/</u> 28,953	<u>16/</u> 57,984	<u>4/</u> 110,000	<u>4/</u> 26,000	<u>4/</u> 26,000	<u>4/</u> 28,000	<u>4/</u> 30,000	<u>4/</u> 26,600	102
Republic of Germany	<u>11/</u>	<u>11/</u>	541,355	105,523	193,599	154,517	87,716	-	-
Netherlands	309,952	<u>18/</u> 222	642,896	119,304	193,563	183,423	146,606	136,685	115
Switzerland	14,198	13,091	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
United Kingdom	378,560	219,914	423,808	87,808	181,664	80,192	74,144	96,320	110
Argentina	<u>18/</u> 3,159	<u>16/</u> 11,914	26,063	6,632	5,199	7,817	6,415	5,999	90
Australia	<u>9/</u> 41,894	<u>13/</u> 2,745	<u>3/</u> 146,982	<u>3/</u> 35,744	17,808	30,357	63,073	41,549	116
New Zealand	<u>6/</u> <u>16/</u> 11,273	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DRIED MILK <u>19/</u>									
Canada <u>20/</u>	1/26,079	72,686	2/99,276	2/14,326	2/34,996	33,309	16,645	11,578	81
United States <u>21/</u>	<u>1/</u> 637,407	1,704,061	<u>3/</u> 1,591,425	<u>3/</u> 417,800	<u>3/</u> 547,075	<u>3/</u> 336,650	<u>3/</u> 289,900	408,040	98
Belgium	5,500	6,607	41,472	-	-	-	-	-	-
Denmark	2,205	16,866	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
France	<u>17/</u> 7,685	<u>16/</u> 3,308	<u>4/</u> 22,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Republic of Germany	<u>11/</u>	<u>11/</u>	106,026	17,724	38,463	32,733	17,096	-	-
Netherlands	56,438	54,468	136,906	2/14,550	2/69,786	3/45,956	2/6,614	11,023	76
Sweden	1,351	24,566	3/31,686	3/6,524	11,861	3/8,876	3/4,425	7,099	109
Switzerland	7,187	10,847	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
United Kingdom	43,098	73,848	154,784	28,448	59,136	32,704	34,496	32,704	115
Argentina	<u>18/</u> 3,977	<u>16/</u> 14,070	25,196	8,329	4,588	3,280	8,999	7,496	90
Australia	<u>9/</u> 16,971	<u>5/</u> 235	<u>3/</u> 110,356	<u>2/</u> 28,612	12,826	24,129	<u>3/</u> 44,789	26,505	93
New Zealand	<u>22/</u> 17,429	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ Average 1935-39. 2/ Average 1948-50. 3/ Revised. 4/ Estimated. 5/ Average 1935-39. 6/ Production year ending June 30. 7/ Total production. 8/ Annual production figures more complete than monthly figures used in quarterly data. 9/ Production year ending August 31. 10/ Cheddar cheese only. 11/ Not available. 12/ Total cheese, and includes cheese made from the milk of sheep and goats. 13/ Total cheese, and includes cheese made from the milk of goats. 14/ Both bulk and case goods. 15/ Evaporated whole and condensed whole case goods only. (Estimates of bulk types discontinued) 16/ Less than a 5-year average. 17/ For 1937. 18/ For 1939. 19/ Dried whole milk and non-fats solids production. 20/ Approximately 1.8-2.0 million pounds of animal feed now being included in production data; animal feed production not available and not included for 1935-39 period. 21/ Includes dried milk for animal feeding. 22/ For 1938.

MEDITERRANEAN OLIVE OIL PRODUCTION (REVISED)

The following table contains revisions in olive oil production estimates for certain of the Mediterranean Basin countries from those shown in the April 1957 World Summaries supplemental issue of Foreign Crops and Markets.

These revised estimates were published in Foreign Agriculture Circular FFO 10-57, of July 22, 1957, Olive Oil Production in the Mediterranean Basin.

OLIVE OIL ^{1/}: Mediterranean Basin, estimated production, averages 1935-39, 1945-49, and 1950-53, annual 1954-56

Country	Average			1954	1955 ^{2/}	1956 ^{2/}
	1935-39	1945-49	1950-53			
	Short tons	Short tons	Short tons	Short tons	Short tons	Short tons
Europe:						
France.....	8,000	7,000	10,250	9,000	7,000	3,000
Greece.....	131,500	132,540	112,300	125,000	115,000	150,000
Italy.....	256,000	189,800	297,500	313,000	200,000	^{3/} 190,000
Portugal....	64,000	67,460	88,225	55,000	75,000	100,000
Spain..... ^{4/}	357,400	365,200	^{3/} 393,000	335,000	^{3/} 290,000	^{3/} 420,000
Yugoslavia. ^{4/}	5,900	4,100	1,950	9,000	9,700	3,500
Middle East:						
Israel..... ^{5/}	7,000	^{4/} 2,500	1,350	4,000	600	4,500
Syria.....	{ 12,500	14,900	5,625	4,200	4,400	8,000
Lebanon.....	{ 10,800	8,325	8,300	3,800		15,000
Turkey.....	44,000	38,000	47,500	70,000 ^{3/}	45,000 ^{3/}	77,000
Africa:						
Algeria.....	20,000	17,600	26,375	30,000	18,000	30,000
Morocco ^{6/}	10,300	11,800	18,000	28,000	13,000	35,000
Tunisia.....	49,300	42,300	55,650	58,000	25,000 ^{3/}	100,000
Libya.....	2,600	3,000	6,375	2,000	3,000	4,000
Total....	968,500	907,000	^{3/} 1,072,425	1,050,500 ^{3/}	809,500 ^{3/}	^{3/} 1,140,000

^{1/} Total oil pressed in marketing season beginning October of years shown; excludes oil extracted from residue. ^{2/} Preliminary. ^{3/} Revised from data shown on page 39, Foreign Crops and Markets, World Summaries, April 1957. ^{4/} Average of less than 5 years. ^{5/} Territory formerly known as Palestine. ^{6/} Figures refer only to territory formerly known as French Morocco.

Based on information from official and unofficial sources.

The Commodity Summaries in this monthly supplemental issue of Foreign Crops and Markets are part of a series of reports on World Crop and Livestock Production and Trade which are released according to a schedule published at the beginning of each calendar year. The country data are prepared or estimated on the basis of official statistics of foreign governments, reports of Agricultural Attaches and other U. S. Representatives abroad, results of office research, and other information. The Summaries of Production have been approved by the Foreign Agricultural Service Committee on Foreign Crops and Livestock Statistics.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN DAIRY PRODUCTS, 1956

World trade in dairy products 1/ showed a marked increase over 1955 and rose to the highest level in post World War II history during 1956. Based on data from more than 80 reporting countries, world butter trade was up 4 percent over 1955, cheese and dried milk trade showed a 9 percent gain, and canned milk trade rose 11 percent in 1956 over 1955.

Generally favorable weather for milk production in Western Europe, following 1955 drought conditions allowed most of these European countries to produce sizable export surpluses. In other areas, Australia, New Zealand, the United States, and Argentina all showed net gains in dairy trade during 1956.

The United Kingdom continued as the world's leading butter and cheese market in 1956. For the second consecutive year United Kingdom butter imports and consumption showed an increase. A sharp rise in dry milk imports allowed the United Kingdom to recapture the top dried milk market position from India.

The major canned milk buyers in the Far East increased their takings to the highest level in history.

The world trade picture was reflected in export statistics for the United States. In every product except dry whole milk, the United States showed considerable export gains. The bulk of the United States shipments, however, continued to be under government programs. In addition to the exports reported by the Department of Commerce, there were large overseas shipments of these commodities as donations for relief.

1/ Excluding U. S. exports for relief and charity. For a complete analysis of United States dairy trade, see Foreign Agriculture Circular FD 6-57, United States Trade in Dairy Products, Average 1935-39 and Annually 1952-56.

BUTTER 1/: International trade in specified countries, averages 1946-50 and 1951-55, annual 1955, and preliminary 1956

Continent and country	Average 1946-50		Average 1951-55		1955		1956	
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
North America								
Barbados	611	---	790	---	691	---	2/ 600	---
British Honduras	223	---	158	---	194	---	80	---
Canada	4,134	2,239	4,415	1,829	12	7,403	4	2,115
Costa Rica	3	3/	4/ 2	3/	1	3/	1	---
Cuba	950	---	1,229	---	1,695	---	1,493	---
Dominican Republic ..	5	2	37	---	42	---	5/ 70	---
El Salvador	5	1	128	4	62	7	5/ 140	---
Guatemala	5	---	9	3/	29	---	40	---
Honduras 6/.....	4/ 24	4	32	15	28	3	406	2
Jamaica	1,032	---	1,695	---	1,843	---	2,794	---
Mexico 7/	205	3/	280	36	378	---	15	---
Netherlands Antilles:	4/ 1,880	---	4/ 1,644	---	1,433	---	1,706	---
Nicaragua	4	12	1	103	3/	4	3/	75
Panama	1,149	3/	1,351	---	1,297	---	1,323	---
Trinidad and Tobago :	4/ 2,334	---	2,233	3/	2,323	1	2,668	---
United States	2,258	7,151	469	6,844	742	22,499	721	40,383
South America								
Argentina	---	21,286	---	23,267	---	24,665	---	33,891
Brazil	1	5	657	---	419	---	225	---
British Guiana	1,099	---	809	---	723	---	748	---
Chile	2,190	---	2,134	---	2,648	---	5/ 550	---
Colombia	42	3	38	---	13	---	2/ 70	---
Ecuador	4/ 8	---	14	---	69	---	70	---
Peru	1,541	---	2,951	---	4,235	---	2/ 4,300	---
Surinam	454	---	458	---	384	---	2/ 350	---
Venezuela	3,872	---	3,171	---	783	---	5/ 1,200	---
Europe								
Austria	4/ 283	3/	1,615	1,317	3,947	323	2,077	1,731
Belgium	44,948	3,064	33,920	348	20,697	4	12,829	33
Czechoslovakia	8/	8/	8/	8/	21,728	8/	17,584	8/
Denmark	---	247,196	---	291,378	---	285,006	---	266,069
Finland	6,833	93	6,826	3,594	16,713	3/	1,515	24,262
France	25,527	5,212	24,903	8,450	15,846	26,312	37,782	10,454
Germany, Fed. Rep. of:	4/ 53,630	---	39,813	---	73,082	---	76,246	---
Greece	506	---	2,054	3/	7,310	---	11,572	---
Ireland	3/	1,710	7,027	2,524	---	3,019	3/	1,579
Italy	5,815	63	21,665	31	12,743	28	21,733	84
Maltese Islands	838	---	934	---	1,074	---	5/ 1,060	---
Netherlands	310	62,921	67	111,636	73	98,114	79	69,571
Norway	554	2,691	3/	5,817	---	3,758	---	9,405
Portugal	1,774	457	47	1,220	235	1,043	2,202	1,075
Spain	11	28	9	42	2	57	8/	8/
Sweden	667	7,051	3/	30,709	---	7,802	---	37,249
Switzerland	21,590	321	10,691	2	13,074	1	13,490	2
U. S. S. R.	8/	8/	8/	8/	2/ 2,240	8/	2/	8/
United Kingdom	606,317	589	644,215	495	688,771	432	793,209	437
Yugoslavia	11	21	5,443	54	16,174	89	2,137	66

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Asia	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Burma	8/	8/	4/ 346	---	208	---	5/ 160	---
Ceylon	1,990	---	2,439	---	2,574	---	2,685	---
Cyprus	264	---	371	---	673	---	788	3/ 245
Hong Kong	8/	8/	4/ 1,634	4/ 118	1,682	118	1,855	17
India	921	31	1,645	4	2,908	4	10,748	---
Indonesia	4/ 579	---	375	---	401	---	121	---
Iraq	337	27	4/ 6	4/ 3,152	8/	8/	8/	---
Israel	8/	8/	8,132	---	11,041	---	11,786	---
Japan	4/ 91	---	830	2	414	3/	447	3/ 86
Lebanon	8/	8/	1,481	4/ 18	4,361	25	4,357	---
Malaya and Singapore	4/ 2,466	---	5,047	---	6,455	---	7,008	---
Pakistan	8/	8/	4/ 139	---	7	---	5,529	---
Philippines, Rep. of	1,410	---	1,455	---	1,980	---	5/ 1,900	---
Sarawak	8/	8/	166	---	237	---	5/ 150	---
Syria	8/	8/	96	2,303	209	3,385	479	4,358
Taiwan	4/ 45	---	225	---	286	---	2/ 7,800	---
Thailand	4/ 33	---	4/ 219	---	198	---	337	---
Africa	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Algeria	4,893	29	7,912	56	9,170	28	11,182	27
Belgian Congo	538	10	2,588	---	4,154	---	3,980	---
Egypt	272	52	4,145	41	17,673	14	9,142	44
Fed. of Rhodesia	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
and Nyasaland	9/ 863	9/ 57	4/ 4,587	4/ 86	3,995	88	4,526	5/ 90
French Cameroons	8/	8/	4/ 309	---	357	---	392	---
French Equatorial	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Africa	439	2,048	4/ 483	1,080	8/	922	8/	604
French West Africa ..	4/ 935	---	1,540	---	1,766	---	5/ 1,800	---
Ghana (Gold Coast) ..	4/ 343	---	488	---	529	---	657	---
Kenya	138	2,097	30	2,353	58	3,412	2/ 40	4,275
Liberia	4/ 65	---	4/ 130	---	139	---	150	---
Morocco	1,432	8	6,432	4	7,868	3	2/ 5,600	---
Nigeria	26	29	202	27	332	28	356	43
Sierra Leone	151	---	154	---	150	---	235	---
Sudan	323	3/	567	1	641	---	319	---
Tunisia	872	4/ 35	1,852	4/ 5	2,163	8/	2/ 2,000	8/
Union of So. Africa	7,139	396	4,752	2,809	---	3,966	---	3,377
Zanzibar and Pemba ..	635	---	729	---	829	---	8/	---
Oceania	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Australia	---	162,011	---	107,086	---	182,875	---	186,734
New Zealand	3/	291,772	3/	348,925	---	348,405	---	365,661

- 1/ Includes butter equivalent of ghee and butteroil.
 2/ Derived data.
 3/ Less than 500 pounds.
 4/ Less than a 5-year average.
 5/ Estimate based on data for 11 months or less.

- 6/ Year ending June of year shown.
 7/ Includes butter substitutes prior to 1956.
 8/ Not available.
 9/ Southern Rhodesia only.

CHEESE: International trade in specified countries, averages 1946-50 and 1951-55, annual 1955, and preliminary 1956

Continent and country	Average 1946-50		Average 1951-55		1955		1956	
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
North America								
Barbados	136	---	468	---	368	---	1/ 750	---
British Honduras	124	---	204	---	238	---	192	---
Canada	3,176	68,532	9,530	13,584	12,715	13,739	9,001	12,216
Costa Rica	68	2/	217	3/ 2	349	4	156	20
Cuba	670	29	2,803	---	2,551	---	2,321	---
Dominican Republic ..	52	173	245	4	357	2	4/ 330	5/
El Salvador	285	5	593	14	731	20	4/ 570	---
Guatemala	106	19	157	3/ 36	261	5/	284	5/
Honduras 6/	3/ 14	388	51	557	36	440	1,162	5/
Jamaica	513	---	1,185	---	1,268	---	2,587	---
Mexico	904	164	1,541	6	1,338	6	1,276	1
Netherlands Antilles :	3/ 1,189	---	3/ 1,411	---	1,221	---	1,586	---
Nicaragua	10	46	14	125	20	146	24	95
Panama	479	3	707	---	739	---	381	---
Trinidad and Tobago ..	3/ 1,131	---	1,668	---	1,917	---	1,933	---
United States	28,247	125,273	52,132	23,528	51,951	22,897	53,718	47,935
South America								
Argentina	---	27,442	---	7,129	---	6,634	---	6,704
Brazil	1,553	2/	98	---	375	---	2,067	---
British Guiana	476	---	678	---	875	---	908	---
Chile	36	2	33	---	30	---	35	---
Colombia	44	95	150	---	133	---	1/ 1,600	---
Ecuador	2	---	17	---	29	---	34	---
Peru	440	2/	1,187	5	1,714	19	1/ 1,200	5/
Surinam	281	---	466	---	483	---	4/ 500	---
Venezuela	5,474	---	9,714	---	12,748	---	4/ 11,700	---
Europe								
Austria	3/ 1,277	3/ 1	2,820	3,232	4,457	4,792	3,170	6,189
Belgium	59,937	1,182	72,361	815	74,474	744	77,798	1,475
Denmark	31	46,558	666	119,425	1,098	114,429	338	127,409
Finland	11	5,750	2/	22,544	2/	25,498	---	27,522
France	22,799	23,876	30,313	39,719	20,558	42,622	27,454	44,648
Germany, Fed. Rep. of:	3/ 72,754	3/ 2,470	114,152	9,879	141,326	14,813	159,031	13,648
Greece	7,744	---	8,161	74	13,904	302	18,188	855
Ireland	42	1,205	390	1,189	621	320	188	728
Italy	8,384	18,074	41,793	38,135	43,094	43,373	38,682	50,383
Maltese Islands	1,816	---	2,243	---	2,413	---	4/ 1,550	---
Netherlands	1,086	75,660	744	184,232	1,224	196,134	1,078	200,369
Norway	648	792	677	3,817	769	4,308	308	8,240
Portugal	97	373	58	1,013	81	1,162	5/	1,363
Spain	18	78	1,051	498	1,143	9	5/	5/
Sweden	5,239	4,451	8,288	7,183	11,473	6,744	10,972	6,978
Switzerland	3,089	18,011	5,821	44,268	7,780	46,585	10,251	53,750
United Kingdom	411,820	272	331,629	1,965	288,884	6,414	301,191	3,546
Yugoslavia	---	21	250	2,107	1,225	1,842	8,090	3,206

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Asia	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Burma	5/	5/	3/ 75	---	70	---	4/ 10	---	---
Ceylon	486	---	515	---	568	---	422	---	---
Cyprus	138	344	444	929	621	981	905	577	---
Hong Kong	5/	5/	3/ 340	3/ 65	320	38	378	28	---
India	927	2/	1,061	2/	1,513	---	1,270	---	---
Indonesia	3/ 4,541	---	667	---	541	---	1,442	---	---
Iraq	96	---	3/ 259	3/ 5	5/	5/	5/	5/	5/
Israel	5/	5/	3,733	7	5,417	34	4,899	21	---
Japan	3/ 15	---	1,564	2	2,112	2	1,439	---	---
Lebanon	5/	5/	4,500	3/ 116	5,084	157	7,008	146	---
Malaya and Singapore	765	---	778	---	969	---	1,096	---	---
Pakistan	5/	5/	3/ 114	---	69	---	45	---	---
Philippines, Rep. of	1,558	---	2,397	---	2,902	---	4/ 1,400	---	---
Sarawak	5/	5/	14	---	22	---	4/ 20	---	---
Syria	7/ 345	7/ 819	510	2,364	538	2,681	919	3,935	---
Taiwan	5/	5/	3/ 12	---	5	---	1/ 100	---	---
Thailand	3/ 16	---	3/ 117	---	86	---	84	---	---
Turkey	12	1,679	183	266	151	---	1/ 5,600	---	---
Africa	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Algeria	11,399	31	23,166	155	24,843	248	29,837	238	---
Belgian Congo	688	16	1,549	---	2,487	---	2,257	---	---
Egypt	4,467	80	14,348	319	31,538	653	10,923	858	---
Rhodesia and Nyasaland, Fed. of	8/ 159	8/ 80	3/ 798	---	419	---	433	---	---
French Cameroons	5/	5/	3/ 467	---	518	---	505	---	---
French West Africa	7/ 1,854	---	2,034	---	2,503	---	4/ 2,800	---	---
Ghana (Gold Coast)	3/ 236	---	298	---	340	---	612	---	---
Kenya	15	56	48	27	65	54	1/ 50	5/	---
Liberia	3/ 5	---	3/ 55	---	65	---	66	---	---
Morocco	2,781	147	8,376	1	10,361	1	1/ 6,700	---	---
Nigeria	67	---	199	---	316	---	304	---	---
Sierra Leone	50	---	76	---	118	---	159	---	---
Sudan	79	1	236	2	326	---	229	---	---
Tunisia	1,875	296	3,218	3/ 379	3,856	5/	4/ 3,650	5/	---
Union of South Africa	196	197	3/ 349	1,185	293	1,706	1/ 100	5/	---
Zanzibar and Pemba	7	---	18	---	11	---	1/ 10	---	---
Oceania	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Australia	175	50,517	3/ 1,100	48,871	847	45,537	504	42,268	---
New Zealand	2/	193,648	3/ 22	212,150	5/	188,048	5/	200,005	---

1/ Derived data.

2/ Less than 500 pounds.

3/ Less than a 5-year average.

4/ Based on data for 11 months or less.

5/ Not available.

6/ Year ending in June of the year shown.

7/ For 1950 only.

8/ Southern Rhodesia only.

DRIED MILK 1/: International trade in specified countries, averages 1946-50 and 1951-56, annual 1955, and preliminary 1956

Continent and country	Average 1946-50		Average 1951-55		1955		1956	
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds
North America								
Barbados	2/	2/	3/ 478	---	446	---	4/ 350	---
British Honduras	3/ 97	---	216	---	380	---	705	---
Canada	5/ 4,790	24,348	3/ 318	27,600	812	22,018	3,300	23,151
Costa Rica	1,255	---	3/ 2,015	---	2,257	---	3,066	---
Cuba	1,787	2	1,402	---	750	---	765	---
El Salvador	2/	2/	3/ 2,697	---	4,296	---	6/ 4,100	---
Guatemala	1,406	---	2,898	---	5,232	---	2,416	---
Mexico	10,962	2/	11,718	2/	6,732	2/	13,486	2/
Netherlands Antilles :	3/ 1,476	---	3/ 1,855	---	1,215	---	2,560	---
Nicaragua	7/ 815	---	279	---	230	---	355	12
Panama	1,031	2	1,854	---	2,101	---	725	8
Trinidad and Tobago ..	8/	8/	3,273	---	5,329	---	5,996	---
United States	2,176	322,709	1,131	179,745	1,853	268,724	1,426	321,161
South America								
Argentina	---	3,278	---	3/ 920	---	1,521	---	736
Bolivia	1,151	---	4,304	---	10,173	---	4/ 9,000	---
Brazil	3/ 3,047	3/ 1	9,790	2	9,264	---	24,983	---
British Guiana	19	---	568	---	774	---	1,221	---
Chile	51	1	6,018	---	25,531	---	6/ 4,700	---
Ecuador	3/ 1,014	3/ 1	2,015	---	1,462	---	3,790	---
Peru	1,326	---	2,865	---	7,452	---	4/ 12,600	---
Surinam	32	---	230	---	176	---	4/ 700	---
Europe								
Austria	3/ 1,565	3/ 2	1,452	2/	4,021	---	8,646	---
Belgium	12,860	513	19,778	14,123	21,471	15,930	21,929	22,383
Denmark	295	9,741	197	25,281	---	30,752	---	38,492
Finland	33	---	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/
France	26,279	1,847	6,954	4,522	5,842	4,442	13,089	3,536
Greece	17,977	---	4,639	---	13,212	---	20,456	---
Ireland	454	2,935	3,032	4,469	---	3,389	---	8,006
Maltese Islands	8/	8/	421	---	523	---	6/ 100	---
Netherlands	3/ 12,147	19,331	7,133	67,273	8,135	74,300	14,661	87,161
Norway	115	35	21	10	2	23	3	---
Spain	1,152	136	45	274	4	4	4/ 800	8/
Sweden	9/	9,758	6	8,295	27	2,998	600	6,843
Switzerland 10/.....	3,927	2,260	3,917	7,287	2,365	8,448	4,311	11,418
United Kingdom	77,541	1,667	96,712	5,407	73,927	6,987	114,563	2,968
Yugoslavia	---	34	4,546	---	6,663	---	22,405	---

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Asia	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Burma	8/	8/	3/ 397	---	171	---	6/ 1,000	---	---
Ceylon	2/	2/	3/ 2,785	---	3,949	---	2,908	---	---
Cyprus	63	---	107	---	141	---	574	---	---
Hong Kong	8/	8/	3/ 3,453	3/ 570	3,141	260	2,680	395	---
India	15,391	---	43,817	---	79,672	---	81,225	---	---
Indonesia 10/	3/ 2,622	---	6,161	---	8,658	---	9,345	---	---
Iraq	2/	2/	2/	2/	1,642	---	6/ 3,100	---	---
Israel	8/	8/	20,985	---	28,896	---	22,275	---	---
Japan	28,104	222	26,175	286	32,909	171	44,753	448	---
Lebanon	8/	8/	3/ 200	---	137	---	234	---	---
Malaya and Singapore	3/ 2,268	---	4,146	---	5,290	---	6,502	---	---
Pakistan	8/	8/	3/ 1,236	---	320	---	4,099	---	---
Philippines, Rep. of	5,196	---	6,801	---	10,834	---	6/ 15,500	---	---
Sarawak	8/	8/	158	---	178	---	6/ 1,000	---	---
Syria	8/	8/	522	4	913	22	2,403	24	---
Taiwan	11/ 2,328	---	1,842	---	2,508	---	4/ 4,000	---	---
Thailand	10/ 2,228	---	3/ 1,555	---	2,163	---	1,250	---	---
Turkey	20	2/	71	---	48	---	6/ 60	---	---
Africa	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Algeria	3/ 935	2/	2,529	2	2,325	11	2/	2/	---
Belgian Congo	1,675	31	4,192	---	6,771	---	5,823	---	---
Egypt	1,146	---	8,720	---	36,560	---	5,805	---	---
Fed. of Rhodesia and Nyasaland	12/ 232	---	3/ 2,036	---	2,004	---	2,618	---	---
Ghana (Gold Coast)	3/ 5,130	---	7,633	---	9,466	---	10,298	---	---
Kenya	3/ 147	3/ 8	378	2	75	3	4/ 150	8/	---
Liberia	3/ 44	---	3/ 88	---	146	---	4	---	---
Morocco	293	2/	1,692	2	2,826	11	4/ 2,300	---	---
Nigeria	139	---	308	---	703	---	947	---	---
Sierra Leone	74	---	110	---	120	---	202	---	---
Sudan	90	---	425	---	605	---	722	---	---
Union of South Africa	1,071	116	211	281	148	343	245	8/	---
Zanzibar and Pemba	2/	---	1	---	1	---	4/ 3	---	---
Oceania	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Australia	---	22,981	---	50,311	---	64,074	---	70,512	---
New Zealand	2/	41,699	3/ 5	96,758	8/	83,521	8/	88,146	---

1/ Dry whole and nonfat dry milk only, unless otherwise specified.
 2/ Included with canned milk.
 3/ Less than a 5-year average
 4/ Derived data.
 5/ Includes dried buttermilk and whey for animal feed.

6/ Annual estimate, based on data for 11 months or less.
 7/ For 1950 only.
 8/ Not available.
 9/ Less than 500 pounds.
 10/ Includes infant and dietetic foods.
 11/ 1950 only.
 12/ Southern Rhodesia only.

CANNED MILK 1/: International trade in specified countries, averages 1946-50 and 1951-55, annual 1955 and 1956

Continent and country	Average 1946-50		Average 1951-55		1955		1956	
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
North America								
Barbados	2/ 1,858	---	3/ 4,188	---	4,926	---	4/ 4,600	---
British Honduras	2,017	---	2,595	---	3,325	---	2,953	---
Canada	34	50,552	31	17,821	53	6,621	52	8,894
Costa Rica	1,623	---	3/ 2,280	---	2,195	---	1,626	---
Cuba	30,780	3	44,144	---	49,343	---	33,223	---
Dominican Republic 2/	1,336	510	2,365	---	2,495	---	5/ 3,100	---
El Salvador	2/ 349	6/	3/ 712	2/ 34	923	1	5/ 860	---
Guatemala	253	---	1,092	---	1,327	---	1,589	---
Honduras 1/	3/ 225	---	3/ 418	---	2/ 2,865	---	2/ 2,683	2/ 601
Jamaica	2,395	535	3,390	202	9,253	---	4/ 11,400	---
Mexico	1,192	2/ 2	17,670	2/ 23	14,288	2/ 58	18,488	2/ 49
Netherlands Antilles 3/	6,131	---	3/ 6,627	---	6,252	---	7,763	---
Nicaragua	2/ 665	---	504	---	609	---	502	---
Panama	4,096	32	1,504	---	32	---	2	---
Trinidad and Tobago 3/	13,956	---	14,423	---	15,008	---	14,147	---
United States	217	505,670	111	161,358	8	162,812	6	209,952
South America								
Argentina	---	3/ 1,277	---	3/ 452	---	8/	---	269
Bolivia	3,898	---	5,480	---	8,043	---	8/	---
Brazil	---	3/ 43	5	1	20	---	7	---
British Guiana	2,624	---	5,222	---	8,521	---	9,034	---
Chile	388	6/	760	---	204	---	2	---
Colombia	1,015	6/	3/ 2,764	---	8/	---	2,870	---
Ecuador	3/ 226	---	752	---	1,627	---	82	---
Peru	11,709	---	13,567	---	20,823	---	4/ 9,000	---
Surinam	435	---	705	---	807	---	5/ 1,000	---
Venezuela 2/	47,673	---	75,849	---	82,150	---	4/ 83,595	---
Europe								
Austria	3/ 470	3/ 2	653	---	598	---	994	9
Belgium	3/ 50,615	422	34,701	597	19,416	273	16,457	304
Denmark	9	57,832	1	81,341	1	61,885	1	56,011
Finland	720	58	2/ 591	---	2/ 1,305	---	2/ 326	---
France	28,952	20,072	2,259	32,858	2,207	33,671	1,560	28,620
Germany, Fed.								
Rep. of 2/	2/ 16,939	2/ 20,124	8,766	12,708	26,444	148	17,582	6,801
Greece	68,624	---	25,430	---	26,892	---	23,415	---
Ireland	---	17,781	---	14,817	---	1,088	---	928
Italy	27,610	480	2/ 1,785	2/ 179	2/ 759	2/ 93	2/ 1,297	2/ 43
Maltese Islands	8/	8/	13,490	---	13,078	---	5/ 15,500	---
Netherlands	7,620	172,807	326	447,468	181	491,897	679	558,033
Norway	6	113	6/	563	6/	4	---	486
Portugal 2/	75	47	5	740	4	1,413	4/ 50	8/
Spain	45	1,239	119	1,026	3	7	4/ 120	8/
Sweden	6,582	1,620	1	2,218	5	3,750	18	3,188
Switzerland 10/	4,585	4,424	3,137	8,814	5,450	9,951	7,616	11,019
United Kingdom	128,869	10,774	57,695	34,768	2,390	92,859	2,817	84,411
Yugoslavia	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

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Asia									
Burma	8/	8/	3/ 28,885	---	31,506	---	5/ 31,000	---	
Ceylon	2/ 11,632	2/ 135	3/ 11,732	---	13,675	---	12,433	---	
Cyprus	1,650	---	2,950	---	4,137	---	5,421	---	
Hong Kong	8/	8/	3/ 18,895	3/ 3,458	20,366	2,733	25,570	5,100	
India	16,749	---	12,541	---	11,698	---	11,557	---	
Indonesia	3/ 26,873	---	20,338	---	35,465	---	76,634	---	
Iraq	2/ 670	---	2/ 1,894	---	2,264	---	5/ 2,650	---	
Israel	8/	8/	166	---	101	---	6/	---	
Japan	3/ 162	3/ 1	1,414	415	834	290	282	114	
Lebanon	8/	8/	1,199	3/ 18	996	43	1,876	---	
Malaya and Singapore ..	61,219	---	125,212	---	133,940	---	154,262	---	
Pakistan	8/	8/	3/ 4,276	---	2,504	---	598	---	
Philippines, Rep. of ..	81,348	---	134,602	---	171,815	---	5/ 178,000	---	
Sarawak	8/	8/	6,990	---	7,340	---	5/ 5,300	---	
Taiwan 10/	9/ 8,494	---	4,672	---	2,108	---	4/ 1,000	---	
Thailand	3/ 17,417	---	3/ 71,441	---	76,844	---	79,482	---	
Africa									
Algeria	3/ 10,936	3/ 16	16,277	89	16,688	149	2/ 27,682	2/ 30	
Belgian Congo	638	7	2,504	---	3,732	---	3,034	---	
Egypt	1,616	---	1,975	---	1,660	---	1,579	---	
Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland	11/ 1,682	---	3/ 4,730	---	5,532	---	5,020	---	
French Cameroons	8/	8/	3/ 2,937	---	3,494	---	3,353	---	
French Equatorial Africa 2/	940	---	1,717	---	1,914	---	4/ 2,000	---	
French West Africa 2/ ..	9/ 9,425	---	10,381	---	16,888	---	5/ 17,400	---	
Ghana	3/ 5,130	---	7,633	---	9,466	---	10,298	---	
Kenya	3/ 1,237	6/	1,761	6	2,843	7	5,148	---	
Liberia	8/	8/	3/ 915	---	943	---	1,110	---	
Morocco	6,722	5	9,480	1	14,241	1	4/ 18,800	---	
Nigeria	2,416	---	5,883	---	7,266	---	10,387	---	
Sierre Leone	626	---	1,291	---	2,101	---	2,950	---	
Sudan	42	---	47	---	---	---	---	---	
Tunisia	3/ 2,704	3/ 2	2/ 5,626	---	2/ 6,870	---	2/ 6,700	---	
Union of South Africa ..	2,461	513	541	2,767	238	3,894	333	8/	
Zanzibar and Pemba ...	591	---	1,529	---	2,129	---	4/ 1,450	---	
Oceania									
Australia	---	70,754	---	66,910	---	55,587	---	67,357	
New Zealand	6/	20,354	1	20,129	---	13,650	---	9,716	

1/ Does not include sterilized milk unless otherwise indicated.

2/ Includes dry milk.

3/ Less than a 5-year average.

4/ Derived data.

5/ Annual estimate, based on data for 11 months or less.

6/ Less than 500 pounds.

7/ Year ending June 30 of year shown.

8/ Not available.

9/ For 1950 only.

10/ Includes sterilized milk.

11/ Southern Rhodesia only.

1956 WORLD CITRUS PRODUCTION

Dry weather has been the predominant factor in most citrus-producing areas during the 1956-57 season. Many areas are reporting large crops, but in many cases dry conditions have made fruit size small.

Nearly all areas report increased crops, largely because new plantings are coming into bearing and the bearing surface of young trees planted in postwar years has increased. Almost all major producing areas reflect a continuing increase in new tree plantings.

ORANGES

Despite a severe reduction in the 1956 orange crop in Spain, world orange production will set a new record about 74 percent above the 1935-39 average.

World production of oranges and tangerines from 1956 crops totaled more than 350 million boxes, an increase from last year of 4 million boxes. All major orange-producing sections of the world, except the Mediterranean Area, reported increased production.

In the Mediterranean, Spain's production was down sharply, still feeling the effects of the early 1956 freezes, and there were smaller decreases in Israel and Egypt. Australia also reported a decrease, largely as a result of unfavorable weather.

LEMONS

World production of lemons in 1956 is now forecast at about $3\frac{1}{2}$ million boxes above last year. The greatest increases were in the United States and Italy where crops in each are estimated at one million boxes above 1955. Turkey's production increased about 150,000 boxes over 1955, largely as a result of new plantings coming into bearing, while Israel and Spain both reported sharp reductions from 1955 yields.

GRAPEFRUIT

Grapefruit production in the world in 1956 dropped about 2 million boxes below that in 1955. The crops of most important producing areas, with the exception of the United States, have been reported at about the same level as in 1955, but in the United States they are 2 million boxes below 1955.

CITRUS FRUIT: Production in specified countries,
average 1935-39 and 1949-53, annual 1953-56 1/

Area	Oranges, including Tangerines					
	Average		1953	1954	1955 <u>2/</u>	1956 <u>2/</u>
	1935-39	1949-53				
			- -	1,000 boxes	- -	
NORTH AMERICA						
Mexico.....	4,761	16,121	17,545	18,838	18,741	19,054
United States						
Continental.....	67,034	121,745	130,870	135,725	137,015	136,725
Puerto Rico.....	807	766	783	807	800	800
Cuba.....	1,050	1,580	1,900	1,650	2,350	2,250
Dominican Republic	401	584	459	602	525	585
Jamaica.....	435	712	659	450	540	789
Trinidad & Tobago..	55	163	110	275	106	150
Total.....	74,543	141,671	152,326	158,347	160,077	160,353
MEDITERRANEAN AREA						
Greece.....	1,470	3,370	4,190	4,771	4,686	4,960
Italy.....	11,701	18,543	21,636	20,799	22,908	21,889
Spain.....	24,167	34,264	44,124	37,793	<u>3/</u> 24,723	17,637
Cyprus.....	441	678	986	807	844	788
Iran.....	504	1,367	1,417	1,102	1,260	1,417
Israel.....	<u>4/</u> 8,652	6,908	9,549	7,820	10,737	10,368
Lebanon.....	<u>5/</u> 1,093	1,794	2,214	2,142	2,394	2,457
Syria.....	<u>6/</u>	91	71	77	68	82
Turkey.....	1,119	2,050	2,830	3,584	4,220	4,756
Algeria.....	3,168	8,214	10,284	10,484	10,503	11,810
Egypt.....	6,373	8,567	9,398	9,301	10,304	<u>7/</u> 9,281
Morocco <u>8/</u>	927	5,673	5,442	6,280	7,000	10,000
Tunisia.....	239	950	1,411	1,055	1,433	1,165
Total.....	59,854	92,469	113,552	106,015	101,080	96,610
FAR EAST						
Formosa.....	897	875	913	882	1,039	1,134
Japan.....	15,895	13,654	13,205	21,632	18,749	23,778
Total.....	16,792	14,529	14,118	22,514	19,788	24,912
SUB-TOTAL						
No. Hemisphere.....	151,189	248,669	279,996	286,876	280,945	281,875

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CITRUS FRUIT: Production in specified countries,
average 1935-39 and 1949-53, annual 1953-56 1/

Area	Oranges, including Tangerines					
	Average		1953	1954	1955 2/	1956 2/
	1935-39	1949-53				
	----- 1,000 boxes -----					
<u>SOUTH AMERICA</u>						
Argentina.....	9,212:	11,883:	14,072:	13,683:	14,828:	16,762
Brazil.....	34,466:	34,215:	31,921:	32,508:	33,433:	34,500
Chile.....	250:	863:	472:	945:	1,260:	1,417
Ecuador.....	582:	182:	209:	200:	200:	200
Peru.....	1,000:	2,091:	2,710:	3,000:	3,000:	3,000
Surinam.....	19:	201:	191:	160:	166:	184
Uruguay.....	1,300:	1,550:	1,606:	1,260:	1,285:	1,411
Total.....	46,829:	50,985:	51,181:	51,756:	54,172:	57,474
<u>OTHER SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE</u>						
Union of South Africa.....	4,160:	6,967:	8,621:	8,600:	7,802:	8,014
Australia.....	2,735:	4,023:	4,168:	4,847:	4,601:	4,197
New Zealand.....	23:	13:	13:	14:	12:	13
SUB-TOTAL						
So. Hemisphere.....	53,747:	61,988:	63,983:	65,217:	66,587:	69,698
WORLD TOTAL.....	204,936:	310,657:	343,979:	352,093:	347,532:	351,573

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CITRUS FRUIT: Production in specified countries,
average 1935-39 and 1949-53, annual 1953-56 1/

Area	Lemons					
	Average		1953	1954	1955 <u>2/</u>	1956 <u>2/</u>
	1935-39	1949-53				
- - 1,000 boxes - -						
<u>NORTH AMERICA</u>						
United States.....	9,552	13,266	16,130	14,000	13,250	15,500
<u>MEDITERRANEAN AREA</u>						
Greece.....	446	994	1,209	1,207	1,283	1,363
Italy.....	9,637	8,477	9,038	9,230	8,955	11,313
Spain.....	1,445	1,538	1,416	1,015	638	232
Cyprus.....	52	133	167	153	173	160
Israel..... <u>4/</u>	88	214	295	380	375	260
Lebanon.....	464	426	450	435	490	525
Turkey.....	74	399	470	657	943	1,096
Algeria.....	102	252	290	290	320	340
Egypt.....	81	107	131	118	120	122
Morocco <u>8/</u>	18	144	133	183	206	230
Tunisia.....	50	230	273	261	281	319
Total.....	12,457	12,914	13,872	13,929	13,784	15,960
<u>SUB-TOTAL</u>						
No. Hemisphere.....	22,009	26,180	30,002	27,929	27,034	31,460
<u>SOUTH AMERICA</u>						
Argentina.....	371	1,754	1,796	2,172	2,345	2,580
Chile.....	250	850	435	812	1,015	1,160
Uruguay.....	150	170	174	174	174	191
Total.....	771	2,774	2,974	3,158	3,534	3,931
<u>OTHER SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE</u>						
Union of So. Africa	59	127	122	147	169	174
Australia.....	302	418	394	459	486	243
New Zealand.....	65	61	53	51	53	50
<u>SUB-TOTAL</u>						
So. Hemisphere.....	1,197	3,380	2,974	3,815	4,242	4,398
WORLD TOTAL.....	23,206	29,560	32,976	31,744	31,276	35,858

CITRUS FRUIT: Production in specified countries,
average 1935-39 and 1949-53, annual 1953-56 1/

Area	Grapefruit					
	Average		1953	1954	1955 2/	1956 2/
	1935-39	1949-53				
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<u>NORTH AMERICA</u>	- - 1,000 boxes - -					
United States						
Continental.....	31,787	42,062	48,370	42,190	45,380	44,500
Puerto Rico.....	448	205	220	222	243	230
Cuba.....	375	206	240	190	200	190
Jamaica.....	213	340	351	425	490	600
Trinidad & Tobago..	174	463	396	660	467	500
British Honduras...	9/	282	200	315	423	130
Total.....	32,997	43,558	49,777	44,002	47,203	46,150
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<u>MEDITERRANEAN AREA</u>						
Cyprus.....	44	183	204	229	252	200
Israel.....	4/ 1,445	1,294	1,539	1,530	1,450	1,515
Algeria.....	9	56	85	85	100	120
Morocco 8/.....	10	115	193	91	168	170
Total.....	1,508	1,648	2,021	1,935	1,970	2,005
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SUB-TOTAL						
No. Hemisphere.....	34,505	45,206	51,798	45,937	49,173	48,155
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<u>SOUTH AMERICA</u>						
Argentina.....	48	236	314	375	419	468
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<u>OTHER SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE</u>						
Union of So. Africa	336	496	466	443	402	412
Australia.....	3	137	153	134	173	137
New Zealand.....	15	78	83	72	71	80
SUB-TOTAL						
So. Hemisphere.....	402	947	1,016	1,024	1,065	1,097
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WORLD TOTAL.....	34,907	46,153	52,814	46,961	50,238	49,252

CITRUS FRUIT: Production in specified countries,
average 1935-39 and 1949-53, annual 1953-56 1/

Area	Limes (Acid)					
	Average		1953	1954	1955 <u>2/</u>	1956 <u>2/</u>
	1935-39	1949-53				
	- - - - <u>1,000 boxes</u> - - - -					
Mexico.....	652	1,957	2,100	2,200	2,200	2,160
United States:	63	298	370	380	400	400
Egypt.....	1,194	978	900	870	940	1,190
Other countries:	341	548	600	1,000	900	900
WORLD TOTAL:	2,250	3,781	3,970	4,450	4,440	4,650

1/ Northern Hemisphere: Harvest begins in November of the year shown.
Southern Hemisphere: Harvest begins in May following the year shown.
Production in foreign countries converted to boxes of the following weights: Oranges 70 pounds; grapefruit and limes 80 pounds; lemons 76 pounds.

2/ Preliminary.

3/ Does not include 19,800,000 boxes of fruit frozen on trees in February 1956. Of this quantity, 6,300,000 boxes were salvaged in domestic consumption and 13,500,000 boxes were either left on trees or salvaged for livestock feed.

4/ Produced in Palestine. 5/ Includes Syria. 6/ Included in Lebanon.

7/ Includes 400,000 boxes produced in the Gaza Strip.

8/ Does not include production in areas formerly known as Spanish Morocco and Tangier. 9/ Not available.

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1956 WORLD SUGAR TRADE

World exports of centrifugal sugar increased to 15.7 million short tons, raw value, in 1956 - a record world trade in sugar. The figure for 1956 was only 191,000 tons higher than the revised exports for 1955, but 36 percent above the prewar (1935-39) average of 11.5 million tons. Reported imports however, declined from 15.2 million short tons, raw value, in 1955 to less than 14.7 million tons in 1956 as late 1956 shipments failed to reach their destinations before January 1, 1957. It is believed that a net total of 450-500,000 tons more than normal was shipped in 1956 for receipt in 1957.

North American exports for 1956 exceeded 8.6 million tons, an increase of almost 25 percent over 1955. Imports for the same period rose from 4.7 to 5.1 million tons. As a result, the net exports for the two years rose from 2.2 to 3.5 million tons, an increase of about 61 percent.

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SUGAR: centrifugal, raw value: International trade, averages 1935-39, 1945-49, annual 1955 and 1956

Continent and country	Averages						1955		1956 1/	
	1935-39		1945-49							
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	Short tons	Short tons	Short tons	Short tons	Short tons	Short tons	Short tons	Short tons	Short tons	Short tons
North America:										
British Honduras.....	0	623	0	586	2,328	539	2/ 2,081	1,036		
Canada.....	1,621	481,659	5,558	515,913	1,232	679,686	2/ 675	718,653		
Costa Rica.....	808	661	3,501	2,527	8,220	13		13,976		
El Salvador.....	3,031	290	6,522	254	2,334	36	2,200	2/ 122		
Guatemala.....	1,876	2	88	5						
Greenland.....	0	826	0	735	0	3/ 1,512	0	3/ 625		
Honduras.....	0	1/ 6,289	0	6,181	9	11,975		3/ 5,800		
Mexico.....	1,496	220	66,173	44,928	88,513	31	35,097	48,578		
Miquelon and St. Pierre.....	29	271	0	229	0	202	0	210		
Nicaragua.....	3,528	5	2,162	5/ 213	10,265	7	8,729			
Panama.....	0	5/ 2,956	58	1,840	5,108	18	5,711			
Panama Canal Zone.....	0	4,135	0	4,314	0	6,013	0	5,951		
United States.....	92,500	3,000,018	178,151	3,424,061	6,234	4,010,678	114,351	4,303,810		
Caribbean:										
Antigua.....	24,436	277	20,135		20,245		30,116			
Bahamas.....	1,750	1,750	0	1,524	0	3/ 4,428	0	3/ 5,480		
Barbados.....	100,243	254	102,093	3	161,000		140,000			
Bermuda.....	0	1,530	0	1,176	0	3/ 2,045	0	3/ 2,024		
Cuba.....	2,871,267	0	5,245,347	0	5,132,778		6,626,434	0		
Dominica.....	0	520	0	1,411	0	3/ 70	0			
Dominican Republic.....	480,189	523	450,154	68	638,719	15	764,055	2/ 17		
Grenada.....	0	565	0	1,382		3/ 78				
Guadeloupe.....	53,721	69	52,993	0	138,528	0	135,899	0		
Haiti.....	38,126	59	25,163	2	22,946	0	30,696	0		
Jamaica.....	101,100	0	165,381	0	324,437	0	417,846	0		
Martinique.....	59,354	0	24,129	0	85,494	0	79,518	0		
Montserrat.....	0	588	0	5/ 7	0		0			
Netherlands Antilles.....	0	4,183	57	6,140	1	1,337	4	8,673		
St. Kitts.....	33,517	436	34,331	203	50,579		50,317			
St. Lucia and St. Vincent.....	8,562	565	6,169	517	12,021		11,746			
Trinidad and Tobago.....	140,161	431	104,680		189,711	73	165,331			
Total North America.....	4,014,595	3,512,795	6,493,115	4,014,249	6,900,702	4,718,756	8,620,836	5,115,441		
Europe:										
Austria.....	24	594	188	58,651	1,029	5,563		63,644		
Belgium.....	119,744	158,515	21,343	59,038	141,122	38,587	146,962	49,760		
Channel Islands 3/.....	0	2,406	0	3,184	0	3,809	0	3,958		
Denmark.....	14,742	13,712	64,773	0	10,089	639	35,742	50		
Faeroe Islands 3/.....	0	80	0	944	0	264	0	71		
Finland.....	0	115,944	0	67,618	0	184,482	0	170,217		

France.....	262,175	405,772	125,730	209,514	861,424	361,449	707,859	379,031
Germany, Federal Republic of.....	-	556,000	-	217,938	5,512	342,539	2,450	302,886
Greece.....	0	84,854	0	57,600	0	80,022	0	107,237
Iceland.....	0	6,274	0	5,452	0	7,899	0	9,862
Ireland.....	0	39,184	0	22,207	0	77,250	0	50,183
Italy.....	19,605	26,718	258	89,879	7	26,328	721	7,919
Malta and Gozo.....	0	11,497	0	8,127	0	7,766	0	12,924
Netherlands.....	64,473	162,918	74,485	183,931	139,355	317,376	53,458	250,168
Norway.....	23	111,917	98	95,504	-	143,180	-	185,140
Portugal.....	47	76,870	66	98,612	1	129,186	5	126,471
Spain 8/.....	7/2	7/56	13,958	20,710	0	32,180	0	2/18,103
Sweden.....	219	8,769	7,206	33,733	9,076	87,661	-	83,235
Switzerland.....	877	183,840	1,295	118,866	3,412	187,511	2,445	243,624
United Kingdom.....	404,678	2,462,840	398,072	1,890,896	865,366	2,503,829	699,420	2,622,257
Yugoslavia.....	1	1,265	10,118	22,660	0	56,116	0	135,434
Total Western Europe.....	886,610	4,129,125	717,920	3,325,067	2,009,393	4,593,666	1,649,032	4,822,174
Total Eastern Europe.....	930,638	19	153,000	-	688,148	230,353	247,040	76,016
Total Europe.....	1,817,248	4,149,174	870,920	3,325,067	2,697,541	4,824,019	1,896,072	4,898,190
U. S. S. R. (Europe and Asia).....	115,000	-	-	-	254,532	718,251	197,884	269,116
Asia:								
Aden.....	15,076	20,049	8,225	13,354	34,474	50,187	37,910	44,724
Other Arabian States.....	-	-	-	7,591	-	3/109,000	-	3/67,000
Cyprus.....	0	4,027	0	4,351	0	12,039	0	12,311
Iran 8/.....	-	92,675	2	107,373	-	261,323	-	2/279,590
Iraq.....	269	17,723	0	55,118	0	151,066	0	2/126,922
Israel.....	0	29,059	0	32,000	0	86,669	0	56,499
Jordan.....	0	3,654	0	11,843	0	30,911	0	3/13,736
Lebanon.....	461	34,897	227	32,792	551	28,891	-	40,445
Syria.....	0	29,726	1,983	12,309	-	46,839	-	40,985
Turkey.....	0	9,289	0	5,338	0	6,505	2/5,455	-
Afghanistan.....	0	10,282	0	9,288	0	3/11,757	0	3/23,202
British Borneo.....	0	118,803	0	104,249	131	23,601	175	2/16,848
British Malaya.....	18,630	16,499	7,260	4,644	26,610	230,424	33,601	278,092
Burma.....	1,254	87,673	-	101,594	-	23,530	-	3/40,034
Ceylon.....	69	333,675	0	12,761	0	161,096	0	222,352
China including Manchuria.....	4	-	34,032	12,761	900	3/145,000	750	3/96,000
Mongolia.....	-	159,118	-	39,782	-	3/7,000	-	3/7,000
Hong Kong.....	128,399	124,998	19,490	2,415	59,447	116,195	70,764	137,084
India.....	43,993	1,531	4,859	2,415	0	262,376	0	2/30,793
Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos.....	2,355	2,001	192	9,331	131	64,000	-	59,000
Indonesia.....	1,033,090	2,925	29,064	1,250	191,897	60	185,878	55
Japan.....	195,533	1,067,738	7,741	251,578	38,884	1,129,776	14,008	1,263,417
Korea, South.....	33,246	69,696	-	78,446	-	63,871	-	77,482
Macau.....	-	-	660	2,425	-	3/2,600	-	3,000
Pakistan.....	9/	2/156	-	5/117,511	756	96,244	-	104,740
Philippines, Republic of.....	892,549	-	143,432	6,000	977,368	-	1,012,450	-
Taiwan (Formosa).....	1,027,323	2,925	161,255	-	649,000	0	702,000	0
Thailand.....	64	40,644	243	9,332	575	44,747	60	12,000
Total Asia (excl. U.S.S.R.).....	3,392,315	2,336,868	448,665	1,033,305	1,980,724	3,161,727	2,063,051	3,053,311

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	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	Short tons	Short tons	Short tons	Short tons	Short tons	Short tons	Short tons	Short tons	Short tons	Short tons
South America:										
Argentina.....	9,570	936	1,705	13,343	97,773	0	-	0	2/ 11,662	0
Bolivia.....	0	27,627	0	36,039	0	49,969	0	26,065	0	0
Brazil.....	51,630	1	116,644	0	642,149	0	275,420	38	2/ 85,829	35
British Guiana.....	200,437	56	163,817	14	271,655	57	62,777	0	0	2
Chile.....	12	140,911	0	169,206	0	319,388	0	0	0	0
Colombia.....	5	13,360	2,131	7,399	32,103	32	23,332	0	0	0
Ecuador.....	94	9,008	0	6,673	0	700	0	0	0	0
French Guiana.....	0	638	0	696	0	8,530	0	0	0	0
Paraguay.....	0	6,623	293	1,830	0	11	0	0	0	0
Peru.....	329,252	515	333,476	3	537,520	13	476,172	0	82,539	2/ 260
Surinam.....	13,804	255	75	80,987	0	82,788	0	25,000	0	0
Uruguay.....	0	59,330	0	417	0	1,973	0	0	0	0
Venezuela.....	-	26	-	35,187	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total South America.....	604,804	259,289	618,141	351,794	1,581,200	486,793	866,809	191,025	0	0
Africa:										
Algeria.....	12	91,585	3	88,263	-	196,454	0	205,028	0	0
Sudan.....	0	37,055	0	36,133	0	97,222	0	135,166	0	0
Belgian Congo (incl. Ruandi and.....)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Urundi.....	12,638	608	6,587	28	21	8,242	0	10,402	0	0
British East Africa.....	15,902	176	14,495	969	-	62,048	0	2/ 66,183	0	0
Zanzibar.....	0	5,570	0	4,236	0	6,423	0	7,018	0	0
Bechuanaland.....	0	900	0	902	0	3/ 5	0	0	0	0
British Somaliland.....	0	6,564	0	3,715	0	2,000	0	3/ 8,209	0	0
Gambia.....	0	854	0	899	0	2,000	0	2,000	0	0
Sierra Leone.....	0	951	0	1,832	0	8,057	0	8,704	0	0
St. Helena.....	0	217	0	175	0	3/ 168	0	0	0	0
Cape Verde Islands.....	0	1,540	0	2,150	0	1,553	0	2/ 4,235	0	0
Egypt.....	78,561	61,852	10,245	17,312	35,733	1,504	22,172	502	0	0
Ethiopia, Eritrea and Italian Somaliland 1/.....	563	8,118	196	4,740	-	14,507	0	2/ 6,522	0	0
French Cameroun.....	0	494	0	1,028	0	4,202	0	4,818	0	0
French Equatorial Africa.....	0	1,064	0	2,874	0	11,868	0	12,141	0	0
French Morocco.....	11,552	198,618	13,298	119,838	34,457	395,605	2/ 16,630	2/ 258,256	0	0
French Somaliland.....	0	2,007	0	729	0	118	0	0	0	0
French West Africa.....	0	22,983	0	19,752	0	77,810	0	73,832	0	0
Togo.....	0	729	0	658	0	1,946	0	1,978	0	0
Ghana.....	0	7,572	0	7,341	0	34,106	0	37,411	0	0
Liberia.....	0	210	0	369	0	525	0	1,191	0	0

Libya.....	0	12,397	0	6,234	0	16,720	0	3/ 17,198
Madagascar.....	9,955	1,563	2,344	4,167	11,800	8,151	19,942	172
Mauritius.....	311,472	0	327,651	0	538,533	0	584,559	0
Mozambique.....	88,685	20	63,250	0	94,978	20	109,738	0
Nigeria and Cameroons.....	0	9,184	0	5,052	0	51,935	0	63,889
Angola.....	33,240	0	42,665	1	33,695	0	2/ 25,925	0
Portuguese Guinea.....	0	797	0	372	0	3/ 369	0	0
Sao Tome and Principe.....	0	212	0	359	0	737	0	2/ 514
Reunion.....	82,978	2	92,753	0	180,941	0	204,020	0
Seychelles Islands.....	0	933	0	1,029	0	1,264	0	974
Federation of Northern and Southern Rhodesia and Nyasaland.....	513	12,617	902	25,666	12	60,221	0	55,000
South West Africa.....	0	4,432	0	9,560	0	20,119	0	0
Spanish Morocco.....	0	25,233	0	10,774	0	3/ 1,929	0	3/ 6,000
Tangier, Int'l Zone.....	0	2,156	0	3,728	0	75,928	0	2/ 68,113
Tunisia.....	235,313	1,477	51,445	7,321	270,749	324	2/ 147,533	2/ 170
Union of South Africa.....	881,384	560,758	625,856	428,083	1,200,919	1,168,565	1,130,519	1,065,233
Total Africa.....								
Oceania:								
Australia.....	470,793	84	273,176	1,989	700,078	0	827,748	0
Australian Territories.....	0	725	0	1,989	0	0	2/ 78,624	2,082
Fiji Islands.....	147,627	0	114,153	1,907	174,551	2,920	0	2,809
French Oceania.....	0	696	0	2,000	0	2,545	0	2,913
New Caledonia.....	0	1,796	0	2,000	0	651	0	2/ 436
New Hebrides.....	0	91,621	455	91,780	381	118,995	496	2/ 88,451
New Zealand.....	1,373	225	0	1,540	0	2,424	0	0
South Sea Islands.....	66,911	636	0	895	0	551	0	0
Western Samoa.....	0	320	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Br. Pacific Islands.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Oceania.....	686,704	96,103	387,784	100,111	875,010	128,086	906,868	96,691
Total world.....	11,542,050	11,194,897	9,444,511	9,252,609	15,490,628	15,206,197	15,682,039	14,689,007
U.S. Trade with Territories.....	3,777	1,875,568	5,650	1,712,055	10/ 8,457	2,141,508	10/ 8,867	2,238,864
Puerto Rico.....	907,579	39	968,405	514	1,079,562	10/ 1,536	1,091,397	10/ 1,733
Hawaii.....	963,318	741	739,625	706	1,052,004	0	1,135,088	0
Virgin Islands.....	4,671	0	4,025	1,198	9,942	10/ 1,351	12,379	10/ 1,425
Alaska.....	0	2,997	0	3,232	0	10/ 4,000	0	10/ 4,000
Guam.....	0	0	0	0	0	10/ 1,476	0	10/ 1,476
American Samoa.....	0	0	0	0	0	10/ 128	0	10/ 188
Wake Island.....	0	0	0	0	0	10/ 20	0	10/ 15
Total.....	1,879,345	1,879,345	1,717,705	1,717,705	2,149,965	2,149,965	2,247,731	2,247,731

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Incomplete year. 3/ Estimated on basis of exports of certain exporting countries. 4/ Crop year. 5/ Less than 5-year average. 6/ Canary Islands, Ceuta and Melilla considered provinces of Spain after January 1, 1953. 7/ 1 year only. 8/ Iranian calendar year. 9/ Included in India's estimate. 10/ Sugar and related products.

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While the total imports of Western Europe increased from 4.6 to 4.8 million tons during 1955 and 1956, total exports declined from 2.0 to 1.6 million tons. Thus, net imports for Western Europe increased by 23 percent between 1955 and 1956.

Trade data available from Eastern Europe indicates that net exports, excluding Polish and Czechoslovakian exports to the U.S.S.R., dropped from 457,000 to 171,000 tons between 1955 and 1956 as a result of the decline in the domestic output of Eastern Europe during 1956. At the same time, net imports of the U.S.S.R. were declining by about 105,000 tons with a record Soviet beet sugar output in the fall of 1955 and the expectation of another record crop in the fall of 1956.

The Asian trade situation for 1956 approximated that of 1955 with slightly higher exports (2.1 million tons in 1956) and slightly lower imports reported. The import data for 1956 are incomplete and probably exceeded the shipments recorded for 1955.

South American exports in 1956 - 867,000 short tons, raw value - were 45 percent under the 1.6 million tons of 1955. The decline in exports reflects the reaction to the very high level of Brazilian exports in 1955. The Brazilians halted exports in 1956 in order to rebuild stock levels. Arrivals of sugar in South American importing countries during 1956 approximate those of the previous year. However, import data (entries through Customs) are incomplete, particularly for Chile.

The net exports of Africa for 1956 were 65 thousand tons compared to the 1955 net exports of 32 thousand tons. The 1956 trade balance of Oceania is believed to approximate that of 1955 although incomplete import returns to date do not indicate this.

1956 World Sugar Situation

Following the record trade of 1955 when exports reached 15.5 million short tons, raw value - it became apparent that the world demand for sugar had been larger than previously anticipated. As world prices strengthened during early 1956, estimates of world "free market" requirements were raised by the International Sugar Council to a level of 5.1 million metric tons, raw value, (5.6 million short tons) by September 1956. At the same time, domestic U. S. sugar prices (spot raws) increased steadily between January and October. By August 7, the 1956 sugar quotas for the continental United States market had been increased from an initial 8,350,000 short tons to 8,675,000 short tons. By the end of October and again at the end of November, domestic spot, the price for raw sugar, had reached 6.50 cents per pound - 67 points above the January 1956 price level.

On November 30, the final U. S. quota had been raised to 9.0 million tons. In the world sugar market following the spring of 1956 world prices declined to a 1956 low of 3.22 cents per pound by the middle of September. With continuing low prices during October and the first week of November, world "free market" quotas were reduced. Such reductions were not noticeably effective. However, by November 8, the Suez crisis had altered the political picture and thereafter prices moved upward sharply and were 4.90 cents on December 31, 1956. On December 14, the Council had found it necessary to raise member quotas so as to increase free market supplies to 5,463,000 metric tons (6.02 million short tons).

While exports during 1956 were maintained at a level slightly higher than 1955, recorded imports indicate that import requirements for the calendar year were under the requirements for 1955. Recorded imports during 1955 had reached 15.1 million tons, or 1.3 million tons larger than the 14.8 million tons of 1954. Such an increase indicates a rise in importer stock levels in addition to increased world consumption requirements. Such stocks, accumulated in 1955, appear to have been worked off during the first 10 months of 1956, resulting in a drop of imports for the calendar year. The drop in import requirements is more pronounced when United States trade is eliminated from the data, for the United States imports increased by almost 300,000 tons during the year.

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